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FOREIGN.

Speech of the Emperor Francis Joseph at the Opening of the Austrian Parliament.

Reported Death of Sir Samuel Baker, the African Traveller.

Seizure of a Large Counterfeiting Establishment at Geneva.

The Prince de Joinville to Resign His Seat in the French Assembly.

Great Britain.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A bulletin from Sandringham states that the Prince of Wales had a good night, and that his strength is slowly returning. The Archbishop of Canterbury has ordered a discontinuance of the special prayers for the recovery of the Prince.

Reuter's News Agency publishes a contradiction of the report that warrants had been sent to England for the arrest of John C. Heenan, and makes a suitable apology.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Business will be partially suspended on Saturday, the 30th. The cotton markets will be closed at Liverpool, and little business will be transacted in London. New Year's Day will be observed as a close holiday. The Stock Exchange, cotton, and other markets will be closed and business wholly suspended.

The *Standard* has a report that a French squadron will proceed immediately to Greece to support the claims of French citizens to the silver mines in Laurium.

Austria.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—At the Reichsrath to-day the Emperor Francis Joseph delivered the speech from the throne with which the session is usually opened. After the customary formal congratulations, His Majesty proceeded to refer to home questions. His readiness to grant extreme concessions, he is sorry to say, has not brought internal harmony no the state desired. The crown, while it contemplates the existence of separate kingdoms with constitutional satisfactions, claims rights which are in the interest of the whole Empire, as well as of the individual States. Great stress is laid on the enforcement of, and obedience to, the laws. The government will accede to the wishes of Galicia, in so far as they are compatible with the general welfare Empire. Measures are promised which will render the Reichsrath a completely representative body. Bills to reform the election laws, the judicial and landwehr system, and to improve the pecuniary condition of government officials and the poorer clergy will be submitted. The compulsory settlement of the educational system is recommended. Regret is expressed at the fact that a portion of the Empire remains unrepresented in the Reichsrath, where alone the attainment of an understanding is possible. The Emperor closes by saying that the material and material wants of the country. The Emperor closes by declaring that Austria is weary of international conflicts, and desires peace and order. The times were never more prosperous. The aspect of Europe, and foreign relations of the Empire, are favorable for the maintenance of peace and the unification of Austria.

The lower house of the Reichsrath to-day elected Herr Hopfen President, and Herr Vendulich and Groez Vice Presidents.

France.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The *Mot d' Ordre* is authority for the report that the Prince de Joinville is about to resign his seat in the Assembly to strengthen the position of the Duke d'Aumale.

Thiers gives a state dinner on Saturday, in honor of their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Brazil.

In the National Assembly to-day President Thiers insisted that the committee who have under consideration the proposed act allowing increased circulation to the Bank of France submit their decision to the Assembly immediately for action. He said the present circulation of the Bank was only 2,900,000 francs below the maximum amount now allowed by law, and threatened that the committee should bear the responsibility of delay in affording relief to the French people from scarcity of circulating medium. The committee, spurred by Thiers' threat, finally, though unwillingly, promised to submit the report to-morrow morning.

Paris papers assert that Bismarck is seeking a pretext for the reoccupation of the evacuated French Provinces.

Japan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A Yeddo, Japan, letter to the *Herald*, gives an account of the audience of Admiral Rogers and other American naval officers, in company with Colonel Capron and Minister Delong, with the Mikado there. They were finely entertained.

A Japanese mission of five dignitaries was to leave for the United States on the 22d of December, to consult our government relative to a revision of the treaty. Mr. Delong was to leave at the same time, on the same mission.

Portugal.

LISBON, Dec. 28.—The German squadron, bound for Rio Janeiro, to settle the difficulty between Brazil and Germany, is hourly expected to appear off the mouth of the Tagus.

Switzerland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Advices from Geneva, Switzerland, state that the police there recently captured the firm of Berthey & Co., who were running a so-called National Bank, but really was a counterfeiting concern on a large scale. Among the property seized were two thousand well-executed plates of Erie Railway bonds, one thousand shares of the city of Lyons, together with a large number of lithographic plates.

Italy.

ROME, Dec. 28.—A royal decree has been issued, carrying into effect the commercial treaty recently concluded between Italy and the United States.

ROME, Dec. 28.—Several Italian Archbishops and Bishops waited on the King of Italy on Christmas, and presented the congratulations of the season.

Africa.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A Cairo, Egypt, letter, of Dec. 1, mentions a report current there that Sir Samuel Baker, and one of his men named Mill, who were exploring Central Africa, and the Sources of the Nile, had died of starvation. One report states that his men mutinied and shot Baker. Another report states that only Baker and his wife were left of the expedition.

Spain.

MADRID, Dec. 28.—Marshal Concha is reported to have been appointed Governor.

There is a rumor that Seneca Roberts will be replaced at Washington by Admiral Pala De Barnabe, who was recently in command of the Mediterranean fleet.

ILLINOIS.

Worthless Canal Scrips and Checks—Appointment by the Governor—Pork Packers at Springfield.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 28.—Two or three parties from Ohio have been interviewing the State officers for the past few days, for the purpose of ascertaining if there is any chance of the State cashing a lot of canal scrip and internal improvement checks held by them. Mr. Enoch Moore, the well-known Fund Commissioner's Clerk, as well as the State officers, have decided, after a careful consideration of the claims, that the State is in no way responsible, and ought not to pay those scrip checks, they being issued without any authority of the State by the contractors in charge of the internal improvement. Messrs. Perry, Wilson & Co., and others, simply for business convenience in making changes, the State paying them in bonds of no less denomination than $100. There are parties who have a quantity of scrip in the State Bank of Illinois, which, during the lifetime of the bank, were honored and paid from the funds deposited in said bank by the State Commissioners for that purpose; but, as the State Bank of Illinois is now a defunct institution, and its books and affairs closed and wound up, those checks are considered worthless, and the Ohio gentlemen will return to their State wiser and sadder men.

The Governor, to-day, appointed and commissioned John Overly Director of the Cairo & St. Louis Railroad, vice P. Holliday, resigned.

Pork packers are very busy. The prices now paid are $6.75 to $6.90 and $4.25. The demand is fully up to the supply.

Fire at Morris, Ill.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MORRIS, Ill., Dec. 28.—Fire broke out this morning at 4 o'clock in the saloon of Patrick Divine, consuming that building, the store and grocery of Thomas Keon, and the dwelling of Mrs. Empey and partially the store of Mrs. Smith. The wind and partially the thermometer standing 6 degrees low hitherto, the thermometer standing 6 degrees below zero, making it almost impossible for the steam engines to work. The losses are about as follows: Anderson's store, $6,000; insured for $1,800 in the Ætna of Cincinnati; the stock of Thomas Keon, the building of J. M. Cook, stock of Messrs. of Patrick Divine, the dwelling of Mrs. of Patrick Divine, the dwelling of Mrs. Smith has no insurance. Mrs. Smith had an insurance of $2,000 in the Ætna. Her loss was small.

Telegraphic Summary.

James H. Hackett, the veteran actor, died at his residence, at Jamaica, Long Island, on Wednesday night, aged 72.

—The condition of Jesse K. Grant is much improved, and he is now considered out of danger.

—The steam frigate Chattanooga, lying in the Mississippi at Lorgen Island, sprung a leak and sunk. It is supposed she was cut through by the ice.

—A fire in Quebec, yesterday, destroyed Gray & Co.'s dry goods store, the Russell House, and

WASHINGTON

Precedents Quoted in Defence of Ex-Minister Catacazy's Course.

The Republican National Convention to be Held in Philadelphia.

Attorney General Williams to Continue the Ku-Klux Prosecutions.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Bowen, who is now here, is loud in his denunciation of certain State officials in South Carolina. He says that the reason the impeachment of the Governor did not succeed is that the Speaker ruled entirely in the interest of the non-impeachers, and in such manner as to make it impossible to obtain the necessary two-thirds vote; also, that Scott caused stories to be circulated among ignorant colored members of the Legislature that those who voted in favor of impeachment should not receive their Legislative pay. Bowen says that it cost the State officials $100,000 to buy up the Legislature, and that it will cost them a great deal more before the Governor is through with them. On the 8th of January he intends to prepare new articles of impeachment, and if these again fail, to continue until he is finally successful. His statements as to corruption in political circles in that State more than corroborate all that has been heretofore published.

HARLAN.

Harlan has written a letter from Iowa setting forth that his re-election is beyond all question. He enclosed a list of eighty-five members of the Legislature who have pledged themselves to vote for him, which is two more than is necessary to elect. The letter is written to William Penn Clarke. Iowa men here chuckle over the letter as a transparent game of bluff.

CATACAZY'S OFFENCE.

The friends of M. Catacazy, in answer to the charge that he had improperly attempted to influence the Treaty of Washington, have called attention to the fact that when Mr. Case was abroad, as American Minister, he wrote pamphlets against the treaty of the European powers concerning the right of search, and otherwise interested himself openly to defeat it.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

It is stated here that Philadelphia has been agreed upon by the National Executive Committee as the place to hold the next Republican Convention. St. Louis and Cincinnati are not considered favorable points on account of their deficiency in hotel accommodations. Chicago would have been the place selected but for the late conflagration.

The *Chronicle* announces this morning that Mr. Akerman's successor will not be less zealous than Akerman in prosecuting the Ku-Klux, and that there will be no abatement of energy on the part of the government in the matter.

[To the Associated Press.]

BRIGHAM YOUNG'S CASE IN THE SUPREME COURT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Brigham Young, Trustee in trust of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, has brought a case before the United States Supreme Court which involves a claim to the amount rendered against the Deseret Irrigating Company, judgment being for something over $10,000. The suit was based on the allegation that Young constituted the Deseret Irrigating Company, and that the debt of that concern was his own. The court overruled the demurrer, and admitted the testimony of the company's indebtedness to plaintiff without first requiring Young's connection with the same to be shown. The cause is just put on the docket, and is not likely to be heard for two or three years. The name of plaintiff in error is William S. Godbe.

CENSUS REPORT.

Copies of General Walker's report on the ninth census, including the preface and the population volume of statistics, have been mailed to many of the prominent newspapers of the country. As the reports of the census will be published in three large octavo volumes, the Superintendent recommends that that a compendium of the census in octavo form be authorized for popular distribution.

PACIFIC COAST.

Heavy Yield of Silver Mining in Arizona—The Apache Murders at Camp Grant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Despatches from Tucson, Arizona, say that the Final silver mines are assaying enormously rich.

The trial of 107 citizens and Indians for killing Apaches at Camp Grant developed the facts that the Indians were upon their reservation, and, although fed by the Government, were engaged in direct hostilities against settlers. A verdict of acquittal is fully expected. Advices from the Camalanza reservation represent depredations, committed by Indians direct from the reservation, frequent.

A Tremendous Rain-Storm—Overflows and Damage to Railroads, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—The city was visited by a dreadful storm on Sunday night. All the roads between San Francisco, San Jose, and Sacramento are washed away in various places. The town of Gilroy is flooded. Overflows are apprehended at San Jose and Stockton. Steamboats give the only means of conveyance. There has not been a storm of similar severity in the past ten years. The Storm of Sunday night abated considerably on Monday morning. The San Francisco and San Jose Railroads have now resumed connections. Several days will be required to repair the Western Pacific and Pacific overland roads. Business has been interrupted on the latter east of Sacramento by the storm.

WISCONSIN.

Riot at Fort Howard—New Railroad Partly Opened.

GREEN BAY, Wis., Dec. 27.—On Saturday afternoon, a gang of a dozen powdrins, employed in Minnerd's lumber mill, at Fort Howard, created a riot, and assaulted and maltreated citizens of that place in a most dastardly manner, and were arrested. They are now in jail, awaiting examination on the 30 of January.

The first section—40 miles—of the new Green Bay & Lake Shore Railroad, was formally opened by an excursion of citizens of this place to New London, on Christmas Day. This road, when finished, will unite Green Bay with the Mississippi River, passing through and opening up a now much neglected part of Northern Wisconsin.

Ku-Klux Sentences.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 28.—In the United States Court, this morning, John S. Miller was found guilty. Judge Bond announced the decision of the Court overruling Stanberry's motion for a new trial and arrest of judgment. All the defendants so far convicted, and who have pleaded guilty, have been sentenced. The following is the sentence: John S. Miller, five years' imprisonment and a fine of $1,000; Sheriff Hezekiah William Montgomery, Private Thomas Shearer, Hugh Farrel, R. H. Mitchell, five years' imprisonment; Shearer, William Shearer, and James R. Shearer, each eighteen months' imprisonment and a fine of $500; Dr. Joseph T. Whitesides, one year's imprisonment and a fine of $100; John W. Mills, three months' imprisonment and a fine of $250.

HOW HE FELL FROM GRAC

The Descent of a Clergyman to a Drunkard, Thief, and Gambler.

Reverend Mr. Rine Rises to Explain—The First Drink Did It.

The Story of a Wandering Sheep, as Told by Himself.

In our yesterday's issue was given some account of the arrest and incarceration of a Methodist clergyman named Rine, formerly of Pittsburgh, for alleged larceny. The circumstances were given in detail. Mr. Rine was confined night before last in the Union Street Station House, and yesterday morning brought before Justice Scully. The evidence adduced added little to the stock of information in regard to the crime already laid before the public. Only two witnesses were called. Ira Beaver testified that he was an agent for C. M. Hoffmanick, and lived at Quincy. Last Tuesday night he left that city to come to Chicago by rail, occupying a berth in a sleeping car. He had with him a valise, containing a few necessary articles, in the bottom of which was a long pocketbook, filled with farmers' notes—of no use to the aggregate value of $5,000. This he put in his berth. He arrived in due time at Chicago, and went to his hotel, not opening the valise until he arrived there. The pocketbook was missing, although he was certain that it was in the bottom of his valise when he went to sleep. He could not identify the prisoner.

A LOSING GAME.

Charles Waterman is an "assistant" at a faro bank on Madison street, where he made the acquaintance of the prisoner on Monday night. The prisoner said he was unlucky, and asked witness to play for him, the prisoner furnishing the money. He played first $5, and then increased the stakes until $30 had been expended. Then the prisoner asked him to accompany him to his room at the Grand Hotel to get more. Arrived there, he opened him the pocketbook, and told him that he had several thousand dollars in notes and wanted some one to help him get rid of. Witness told him he did not care to embark in any speculation of that kind. The two came back and lost the rest of the money at the table. Nothing more is contained other details, but these are the most important.

NO OTHER TESTIMONY

was adduced. Mr. Bowen, the first reported Rine at the police station, and at whose house he is said to have tried to raise money on a worthless note, testified briefly. The examination being still unfinished, her testimony was deemed unimportant.

THE BAIL.

The Court thought the evidence sufficient to warrant a detention, and fixed the bail at $1,000, a really small amount when the sum involved in the larceny is considered. Mr. Rine was committed to the jail to await further proceedings in the case. His friends in Pittsburgh and vicinity were communicated with. The Methodist clergy of this city at once interested themselves in the case, and Dr. Reid, of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate*, offered to see him at the jail, desiring that justice might be tempered with mercy.

AN INTERVIEW.

As he made no statement to the court, a reporter for THE TRIBUNE called upon him at the jail, in order to give him the chance of a public hearing.

THE PRISONER'S PRESENCE.

Mr. Rine is a fine-looking man of 37 years of age, straight and supple of figure, and with a pale, intellectual countenance. He was dressed in perfect taste—a fine black broadcloth coat, pants, black frock coat, and black silk velvet waistcoat. His linen was scrupulously clean, and his entire person showed habitual neatness. His cell is in one of the darkest corridors of the jail, in which the poverty of the inmates is the most striking. The prevailing darkness is worse than Cimmerian. The interview was carried on by the light of a candle which a prisoner passed in bottle, placed in the transverse bar of the grated door of the cell. The reporter looked on the prisoner through his dungeon grating, and found a very willing subject. He said that he was glad to talk about his case, as it had been a little misrepresented. We tell his story as he told it:

HIS STORY.

Mr. Rine said that he was a minister of the Gospel in the Protestant Episcopal Methodist Church. He had been a pastor of one of its churches in Pittsburgh for a space of three years. He had been ordained over two years. He was not yet fully in wholly satisfied. Of late years, I will send all that leaves, but only some of those—I very important sessions laws of the State of Illinois, which I expect the publication of a Digest before many months, which will perfect the whole body of the statutes of the State. The following is a list of attending surgeons and physicians: Surgeons, Drs. Beebe and Woodruff; physicians, Drs. Dunham, Evans, Hayes, Small, and Wood ward.

An Icy Voyage.

The schooner Falchion, Captain F. Rhoney, from Pere Marquette, had eleven days out, struck ice off Milwaukee, and plowed through more ice all the way, eighty-six miles, cutting her planks clear through. Bedding, guns, etc., were shoved into the hatches, and the schooner arrived at the north pier yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. She was towed to Clark street bridge by the tug Geo. B. McClellan, but finally sunk. She died game, and deserves credit for her pinchy fight with the ice fiend.

Typographical Errors.

In the account of the adventures and arrest of the Rev. D. D. K. Rine, in Section, it was written that that excellent pastor was robbed of $21 in a gambling hell, No. 13 West Madison. It was No. 13, a most notorious place. The printers were responsible for the error.

—A similar typographical error was made in reporting No. 90 Madison street as a gambling hell, kept by Benjamin Burnham. It should have been No. 97.

Miscellaneous.

Kate Boyd, who formerly worked at No. 269 State street, had been missing since the fire. Any information concerning her will be gladly received by her parents at Mendota, Illinois. Address Michael Boyd.

—The *American Register* (Paris) of the 9th inst.

The officers only relicensed heredity his intention to do his duty in the premises. He was then asked where he should go to obtain a warrant, he was referred to some Aldermen whose names he did not remember. An appeal was afterwards made to

ALDERMAN DIXON,

of the Second Ward, who, interesting himself in the matter, but without definite result. This is about all that transpired until the arrest, with the exception of the night on Dearborn street.

While wandering about the city on some day, the date of which was so more definitely fixed in his mind than various other events connected with this strange experience, Mr. Rine entered a saloon near the Globe Theatre. Here he drank several times, the mixtures being of very considerable strength. Being

CONSIDERABLY STIMULATED

and having no money for more, he began inspecting the pictures that profusely adorned the walls. They were of the usual bar-room kind, rather suited for the bachelor of a Dime Museum than a place of public resort. He was rather amused by the display of so much Oriental loveliness, and a brief conversation with the barkeeper intervened, which ended in that gentleman's directing him to the mansion of Miss May Brown, which was adjacent. No sooner had he received this direction than he turned on his heel, and, inside of the short distance between the saloon and that distinguished domicile of dwelling, mounted the steps, and pulled the bell vigorously. A lady from the interior quietly answered the summons. "I wish to see Miss May Brown," said Mr. Rine. "I am she," said the certainly dressed female, who had condescended for once to be her own servant, and receive a caller at the door. He told her that he

WISHED TO REST AWHILE,

and, entering the parlor, and displaying the pocketbook, and asked her if she knew the person in whose favor the notes were drawn. She says that he also exhibited a Brown County bond for $500, and asked her to loan him $200 on it. The bond, which is now in the hands of the police, is blank, and its presentation to an intelligent person with a view to raising money upon it as collateral, would be a mere display of drunkenness or insanity. He left without any more intimate acquaintance with the members of Miss Brown's household. He affirms that this was his first visit to a place of that character.

HIS HISTORY.

Mr. Rine was born in Perrysville, Western Pennsylvania, and educated at Madison College, Uniontown. He has been a clergyman for twelve years. He is married, and has been for several years, and has a wife still living, but from whom he attributes his present difficulty entirely to ardent spirits. He declares that he was quite sober from the time of his first drunk in Quincy until the time of his arrest. In regard to the more equivocal things in his conduct he institutes to be restored. He says a ruin him because he "succeeded."

The future of Mr. Rine will probably depend very much upon the feeling which he shows upon record up to the time of the dethelition from duty.

THE CITY IN BRIEF.

Landlords and Tenant.

Mr. Thompson, proprietor of the Thompson Block, on the corner of Sangamon and Madison streets, brought suit against Dr. S. J. Bluthardt, a tenant, occupying 26'—the corner house of the block. The case was tried yesterday morning before Justice Boyden. It appeared in evidence that before the block was finished Dr. Bluthardt engaged the corner store of the block, and took a lease thereof. Everything is ready for the present time. Just after the fire Mr. Giles, one of the partners of the firm of Giles Bros., called upon him, stating his losses, and the necessity for an immediate resumption of business, requested Dr. Bluthardt to rent him part of his premises. Reluctant to crowd himself any more than he was compelled to, Dr. Bluthardt declined, but as the request of Mr. Giles, one of the same had been reserved with marked success at the East, and Mrs. L. will doubtless receive a cordial welcome and a full bottle of the nectar of our State.

The nuptials of Miss Etta B., daughter of Rev. J. C. Ransom, to Frederick Fay, of the firm of Fay, Gordon Corwith, M'f'g. & Jobbers in Boots and Shoes, of Chicago, and E. F. Stearns, usher in the college at Beaver Dam, were celebrated last Thursday evening, the residence of the bride's father in the presence of two or two of the friends of the University and its worthy chief—a most brilliant assemblage.

—The following names were omitted from the list of the Alexis Reception Committee, published in yesterday's issue: General Alexis, General Western Union Telegraph Company; General P. A. Eastman, Postmaster; L. H. McCrea, Superintendent of Telegraph, C. R. I. & P. R. R.; Dr. J. Preston, J. L. Hancock, Chas. Randolph, W. F. Egan, Master of Trade; S. S. Hayes, Thos. Hoyne, W. F. Coolbaugh, Potter Palmer, H. H. McCormick, Jr., Cornelius Vollen, and E. F. Sampson.

—The Coroner held an inquest, yesterday, on the body of John Jamieson, an old man living somewhere. His sudden death at 5 o'clock, yesterday morning, induced the inquest, but a post-mortem showed that he died from a rupture of the left auricle of the heart. He was 68 years of age and leaves a wife and two children in Philadelphia.

FIRE ON THE NORTH SIDE.

Partial Destruction of the Excelsior Mattress Factory.

The portion of the North Division known as Goose Island was threatened, yesterday afternoon, with a conflagration of considerable magnitude, but the promptitude of the firemen saved it. The experiences of the morning will investigation and the stimulus received a few weeks ago resulted in bringing about a better state of things than appeared to exist before.

An alarm was sounded about 3 o'clock, caused by fire breaking out in the two-story frame building on Goose Island, known as the Northwestern Excelsior Mattress Factory, owned by Messrs. W. L. Church & Son. The fire is said to have originated from friction of the machinery, and was communicated therefrom to a quantity of shavings in the building. The inflammable nature of the material was such that in a few minutes after the discovery the fire threatened to consume not only the whole stock, but the adjacent structures also, the engines dying to a distance. As it was, the damage done was considerable, and will not be less than $10,000. There is the insurance of $5,000 on the stock, and the loss falls directly upon the owners.

As an instance of the need of a thorough reorganization of the Police Department, the circumstances connected with this fire are of great value. A messenger was sent for the police early afternoon and left in the Western Avenue Station, and there it probably is still lying. Orders have been repeatedly issued from headquarters to have fire and police reports sent over immediately. In this instance, no report was made over the wires, and the delay must, in such case at the Central. This utter defiance of orders and negligence of duty is but a sample of the undisciplined condition of the police force in the North Division, and the incompetence of the Captain of that district. In the absence of any telegraphic communication, no lines connecting that side of the river with any other, the orders have to be sent by messenger, and the time thus occupied, and necessarily so, as any one can see. The dereliction of the officers in charge, however, is inexcusable. The public, he it known, will have no confidence in the present Police Commissioners, may be certain that this demoralizing state of affairs is but temporary.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Regular Meeting of the Board—Resignations and Appointments of Firemen.

A regular meeting of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon in the Board room. President Colvin in the chair. Commissioners Behan, Sheridan, and Chadwick were also present.

A communication from R. A. Williams, Fire Marshal, asking a fortnight's furlough for J. Hansen, driver of Hook & Ladder No. 2, was received, and laid on the table.

The resignation of Andrew Coffey, fireman of the steamer Long John, was received and accepted.

Olaf C. Johnson, having served his required 60 days' probation on the steamer Winnebago, was assigned to the regular service of the department.

An application from one W. H. Sloan, offering to furnish gratuitously all the desired information relative to Gerodette Jones, on account of that person's appeal case, and a special policeman, was received.

An offer from Daniel R. Shipman to place a fire alarm telegraph box on his establishment, corner of Fifteenth and Burnside streets, was accepted, conditionally that it be placed in a more prominent situation, and made accessible to the general public.

The board received a communication from John L. Hunt, builder of hook and ladder trucks in Richmond, Ind., with plans and specifications for the same. The other business, the case concerning the pattern used by the Chicago department superior to that of Mr. Hunt.

A fire alarm from box 219 and the board adjourned in a hurry.

—Three car loads of Japanese and Chinese silks valued at two million of dollars, were sent East from San Francisco, on Tuesday. One hundred and eighty tons of Chinese and Japanese teas were forwarded to New York, overland, yesterday.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

Masonic.

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Knights of Pythias.

Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 9, K. of P.—Every member of above Lodge is hereby ordered to report at Hall, 6 West Lake-st., this evening, at half-past 7, sharp. Per order of W. C. CHAS. ISNER, R. & C. S.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

VIENNA, Austria, Nov. 21.

The long silence which, owing to my overworked and weakened eyes, I have been obliged to observe for several months past, would have remained even now unbroken had not a high sense of duty impelled me to note down and make public the generous efforts of a young American girl in behalf of our once beautiful, but now devastated Chicago. When the startling news of that unheard-of calamity, while being carried on the wings of lightning to all parts of the world, reached this gay metropolis of the Austrian Empire, the expressions of deep-felt sympathy were, probably, as spontaneous and general among the populace here as in London or any city on the Continent. It is true that many who thus sympathized with the stricken-down city had but a slim knowledge of its geographical position, and much less of its commercial importance; but its appalling fate and heroic endurance and energy touched the heart of the unlettered as much as the one of the man of science and commerce. The fiery spectacle of the Far West, so vividly described in the telegraphic columns of the English papers and decopied here, has, it is true, touched the sympathetic chords of this amusement-loving people; but, as soon as the curtain fell,—that is, as soon as the papers began to say less, or nothing at all, about the sad subject,—their thoughts were turned again into their ordinary channels of enjoyment-seeking and life-enjoying. This would have been quite the proper course to pursue, had liberality played the handmaid to their spontaneous outbursts of sympathy, and loosened the purse-strings at least of those that were able to give. But no! Vienna—Imperial Vienna—did not come up to the mark, as the first thought it would. Gladly as we would do her honor we are compelled to say that her munificence towards a horde of inter-city woes was represented only by individual exceptions. All that has been done and collected here in behalf of Chicago was done with some few very honorable exceptions, by Americans and through American instrumentality. Both Mr. Jay, our American Ambassador, and General Post, were definitely applied to; but the one engaged at the Imperial Opera House, Miss Gindele, and Mr. Ureuman. The press of this morning-speak in high praise of the performance, and especially eulogize Miss Hauck for her remarkable singing of the "Galathea." In the little farce, "Ze Schen," here took part Messrs. Schmeglital and Arnsberg and Miss Gabillon and Mrs. Benedic, all from the Burg Theatre. I mention their names because they all gave their services gratuitously, as well as the ballet corps at the Opera House, with Widnack, Maathner, Schulz, Jackson, Minnee, Obsper, and Carron in the leading parts. Should Miss Hauck write on with her portals, in golden letters, the name of "Minnie," for I never saw more self-sacrifice and energy displayed in behalf of charity than this young girl, barely out of her teens, did in behalf of her unfortunate countrymen and women. Hardly had the sun closed this day of sorrow, the news of the disaster reached her ear, when, impelled by that spontaneous feeling which, in her supernatural circumstances, power seemed to have invaded the hearts of all Americans without regard to locality, she determined to organize a benefit performance for the sufferers by the fire. As every those who are conversant with the difficulties which beset all benefit performances here, can appreciate the obstacles that Miss Hauck had to overcome. She, however, with the pluck of a true American girl, set herself to work, and, after several weeks of hard labor, succeeded admirably in carrying out her cherished plan. It took her fully two weeks of running and begging before she could get the permission of the Director of the Grand Opera House, as you must remember she is permanently engaged there to sing as *prima donna*. After getting the coveted permission it took her two weeks more before she could get a theatre. She personally arranged and superintended everything, and this self-denial (read it, ye Chicagoans) as good a manager as she is an artist. The performance took place on the 19th instant, at noon, in the Carl Theatre. Notwithstanding that the usual prices for seats and boxes were doubled for the occasion, the house was well filled. The boxes sold for 50 florins, and even standing room sold as high as 50 florins, about $25. The receipts were nearly 4,000 guilden; but, of this sum, the managers had to pay out a great share for expenses, because of these shamefully exorbitant. To give you an idea of the impositions that were practiced upon this young girl, who gave nearly forty weeks' time up to this work of charity, I will mention a few of the many cases.

After having had the Carl Theatre promised for the performance for the trifle of 400 guilden, she was compelled, on the eve of the performance, by the proprietor of the said theatre, to obligate herself to pay 700 guilden, in case of non-attending, in which, an unfeeling theatre-*impresario* robbed 300 guilden from the fund of charity. The next case is that of some influential friends, she effected the permission of the Imperial Theatre management that some of its best and leading members should take part in the performance of a little farce, which was also the property of the said Imperial Theatre; but again, on the eve of the performance, she was compelled to sign a promise to pay 5 per cent. of the gross receipts, whatever they might be, to the "Schroeder Verein," a society composed of members of theatrical profession, which has, or rather takes, the right to exact the above percentage from the receipts of all charitable performances, whose object and its members take part in the same. I will not weary you with the enumeration of any of the minor, though numerous, sharp practices with which the managerial path of the *American prima donna* was made ringed. But all these difficulties and untoward circumstances tended only to bring out in stronger delineation her own merit as an artist and an American, worthy of the admiration and thanks of her unfortunate countrymen in Chicago. Not only was the enterprise financially a success, as far as the receipts were concerned, but, in an artistic point of view, Miss Hauck achieved a triumphant success. She chose the charming little operetta of "La Sonnambula," by Suppe, for the piece in which to make her own appearance, with the gratuitous assistance of Mr. Charles Adams, an American tenor, who is now permanently engaged at the Imperial Opera House, Miss Gindele, and Mr. Ureuman. The press of this morning speak in high praise of the performance, and especially eulogize Miss Hauck for her remarkable singing of the "Galathea." In the little farce, "Ze Schen," here took part Messrs. Schmeglital and Arnsberg and Miss Gabillon and Mrs. Benedic, all from the Burg Theatre. I mention their names because they all gave their services gratuitously, as well as the ballet corps at the Opera House, with Widnack, Maathner, Schulz, Jackson, Minnee, Obsper, and Carron in the leading parts. Should Miss Hauck write on with her portals, in golden letters, the name of "Minnie," for I never saw more self-sacrifice and energy displayed in behalf of charity than this young girl, barely out of her teens, did in behalf of her unfortunate countrymen and women. Hardly had the sun closed this day of sorrow, the news of the disaster reached her ear, when, impelled by that spontaneous feeling which, in her supernatural circumstances, power seemed to have invaded the hearts of all Americans without regard to locality, she determined to organize a benefit performance for the sufferers by the fire. As every those who are conversant with the difficulties which beset all benefit performances here, can appreciate the obstacles that Miss Hauck had to overcome. She, however, with the pluck of a true American girl, set herself to work, and, after several weeks of hard labor, succeeded admirably in carrying out her cherished plan. It took her fully two weeks of running and begging before she could get the permission of the Director of the Grand Opera House, as you must remember she is permanently engaged there to sing as *prima donna*. After getting the coveted permission it took her two weeks more before she could get a theatre. She personally arranged and superintended everything, and this self-denial (read it, ye Chicagoans) as good a manager as she is an artist. The performance took place on the 19th instant, at noon, in the Carl Theatre. Notwithstanding that the usual prices for seats and boxes were doubled for the occasion, the house was well filled. The boxes sold for 50 florins, and even standing room sold as high as 50 florins, about $25. The receipts were nearly 4,000 guilden; but, of this sum, the managers had to pay out a great share for expenses, because of these shamefully exorbitant. To give you an idea of the impositions that were practiced upon this young girl, who gave nearly forty weeks' time up to this work of charity, I will mention a few of the many cases.

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learn, namely: the engagement by J. Grau of Anton Rubinstein, one of the greatest living musicians and pianists, for a concert tour in the United States during the coming season of 1872-73. Mr. Grau is now here completing his concert company for that season, which promises to be an extraordinary one in point of counting among its members acknowledged stars of the first magnitude. Henry Wieniawsky, the composer of Joschein, is to be the violinist; while Pinti, the great-est of violoncellists, will add strength to the combination by his wonderful performance on that mellow-toned instrument. In the vocal line, either Munkas—who, by the way, is now singing here star roles—or Paulina Lucca will probably be secured. But, of course, above all, the attraction will be Rubinstein, whose wonderful execution on the piano is fully equal to that of the great Liszt. The other day, I had the pleasure of attending the concert of the "Wiener Musikfreunde,"—one of the more important musical societies in Europe as regards the musical abilities and talents of its members. Rubinstein has been elected the honorary President of this society, and its leader during the concerts. The last gentlemen conceit, the programme consisting of three numbers of Handel's "Anthem Nos. 1 and 4," for double choir and orchestra, Beethoven's "Eroica," and Mendelssohn's "Psalm 114," for double choir and orchestra—was led through by the newly-inaugurated Kappellmeister Rubinstein, without his even opening the score of any of the pieces that were lying on the desk before him. The astonishment which this musical feat created was general, for it reminded one of Murphy's or Paulsen's blindfold chess-playing, only with the difference that the musical blind-fold leading was the most difficult of the two, inasmuch as the leader had to remember the words of at least a hundred musicians in the orchestra, and of over a hundred and fifty in the choir.

—Miss ROSALIE MAGNUSSON.

It may not be amiss here to mention that the last arrival in Vienna direct from Chicago is that of Miss Rosalie Magnusson, well known in Chicago musical circles as a promising pianiste. Miss Magnusson has come here to perfect herself in the art she has chosen to pursue professionally, as a concert player. Several of the leading musicians, among them Anton Rubinstein, have promised to do everything in their power to aid her in her undertaking. So you see that commercial, pork-packing, grain-elevating and rebuilding-busy Chicago has its representative in the musical circles of the Residenzstadt. Miss Magnusson had lost by the late fire her home and piano, and went herself through the ordeal of those dreary first days after the conflagration; but, with Spartan pluck, she started on her journey to carry out her cherished plan. Who shall say that the women of our day—at least of the West—are not as heroic as in the days of the Roman matrons?

GYULA.

BUTLER.

The General Visits Cape Cod and Discourses on the Washington Treaty.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 28.—General Butler delivered an address here this evening on the fishing interests as affected by the Treaty of Washington. He said that England from 1688 to the present time had protected and fostered her colonies to the detriment of American interests. The rights to the fisheries were ours because our fathers took them from the enemy for their country. The General criticised sharply the conduct of England during the late war, and arraigned the conduct of the Canadian authorities as inimical to the United States. He said the reason the treaty was made was because of fear of England. With the present reason of this fear was that everybody held a large quantity of bonds in the United States, and in case of war would cut down, and there is nothing so cowardly as half a million of capital, except a million. After ridiculing the idea of war with England, General Butler said the Washington Treaty, with the price of wool and labor it would bring to the people, was more likely to produce a war within ten years than any other question. Nobody remembers, he continued, "what this truly is. It has not been published anywhere that I know of, except that my private correspondents made a portion of it and published it to the world, and they felt to discussing it in a game of chess to question, and ask whether correspondents had the right to steal it than the question of what its provisions were."

MINNESOTA.

Small-Pox Excitement--The St. Anthony Falls Improvement--Railroad Accidents --Delayed Trains

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—There is considerable excitement at St. Paul about the small-pox, where there are eight cases, and one case is reported in Minneapolis, on Lady Isabella Street. The difficulty is settled between the citizens who subscribed for the protection of the Falls $100,000 of the bonds. Anthony Water Power Company's deed has been signed, and the bonds given for printing at 12 per cent.

A train ran off the Sioux City Railroad, on Monday, near Belle Plain, but nobody hurt.

A wood train ran on to a broken rail on Wednesday, on the St. Paul & Pacific Railroads, four miles west of Minneapolis. The locomotive and eight cars were badly smashed. Conductor Richards was injured in the hand slightly.

The trains on all the roads are delayed by the severity of the weather.

INDIANA.

State Politics--Indianapolis Fire Statistics.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 28.—There is beginning to be considerable interest felt in the Republican State Convention, which meets in this city on the 22d of February. The contest for the gubernatorial nomination now appears to be between General Ben. Harrison and General Tom Browne. Both gentlemen refuse to take any interest personally in the matter, but all the Republican party desire that they shall become their candidate, and will nominate them without any act of their own, they will accept, and make the best fight they can for the ticket. There is a large number of candidates announced for the other offices, but none of anything more than local repute.

There were but thirty-five fires in the city during the year. The losses amount to $49,500, $34,100 of which was covered by insurance.

Meteorological.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—The thermometer indicated 27 degrees below zero on Wednesday, and 12 degrees above this morning, with excellent sleighing.

—MCGREGOR, Iowa, Dec. 28.—The snow is about 18 inches deep, and sleighing is unsurpassable. The mercury, this morning, was 20 degrees below zero.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Dec. 28.—The weather here for the last few days has been extremely cold, the thermometer ranging from 5 degrees to 20 degrees below zero.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Dec. 28.—At 10 o'clock last evening the thermometer was 18 degrees below zero; at 6 o'clock this morning, at zero.

MADISON, Dec. 28.—Yesterday was steadily and severely cold, growing and keeping so for the sixty fourteen degrees below zero. It is warmer to-day, with slight snow. Yesterday and to-day the railroads were somewhat delayed by the snow drifts, and trains were behind time; very much snow on the Portage & Baraboo lines, which have no snow-fences.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Cloudy weather will probably extend very generally on Friday from the Atlantic coast to the Western plains, and the barometer will fall, with stationary or rising temperature, on this area. Southeasterly winds, with rain, on the Gulf coast, and with threatening weather in the Southern and Middle States. Southwesterly winds, with rain, in the South, with a rising temperature from New England to the lower lakes. The lowest barometer will move eastward into Illinois, with rain to southeasterly winds and snow to the northwest, and brisk southerly winds on Lake Michigan by Friday morning.

Destructive Fire in Little Rock.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 28.—One of the largest fires that ever occurred in this city has been raging since the morning of the 26th. Starting in the upper room of McAlmont's corner to the Old Fellows Building is destroyed, including the printing office. The following houses, as far as can be ascertained at this time, are burned out: McAlmont's, drug store, McGean's, clothing, Hornbrook & Townsend, grocers, J.V. Shepherd, boots and shoes, H. Landsberger, dry goods, A. Lernsell, gunsmith, Southern Express Office, Iburger's saloon, Herricke's livery stable, Journal office, and one or two smaller offices and shops. The Odd Fellows Building is badly damaged, though it is thought it can be saved. The fire now, 11:45, is almost under control. Judge Wishire and a man named Sheets were badly hurt by falling timber. They were all frame buildings except McAlmont's drug store.

Southern Cotton Markets.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 28.—Cotton irregular; middlings, 18½c offered; 18¾@19c asks; some sales at 19c. Net receipts, 3,424 bales; sales, 1,000 bales; stock, 31,399 bales.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 28.—Cotton dull and nominal; middlings, 19c; net receipts, 1,938 bales; stock, 37,798 bales.

GALVESTON Dec. 28.—Cotton steady; good middlings, 18½c; net receipts, 1,253 bales; gross, 44,776 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—Cotton quiet but firm; middlings, 19@19¼c; net receipts, 1,827 bales; sales, 1,500 bales; stock, 65,939 bales.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—In future no white horses are to be employed in the French army, they were found to be such excellent guides to the Prussians there to direct their fire. A liver to the Frenchman's complaint.

—A Cincinnati editor, in speaking of a notorious ruffian in that State, who is supposed to have committed more murders than any other man on the Pacific Coast, says: "He has a wonderful talent for bereaving any family he does not happen to like."

—The historian four-and-twenty blackbirds who were baked in a pie have been quite thrown into the shade by 100 chickens who furnished the interior of a gigantic pasty baked last week in Bridgeport, Conn., for the fair of St. John's Church. It took four strong men to carry this monster into the hall; and it will take a great many more strong men and women and children to eat and digest it."

—The new Postmaster General of Great Britain has been for some time trying the system of delivering letters carriers of small boys, who can no employed for about $2.50 per week, while the department has been paying thirteen times as consequences can well be imagined. It is no unseemon thing to find these youthful officials playing marbles on the sidewalk, or fishing apparatus on the back springs of cabs, while the public are waiting for their letters at home.

—A Franc-Tireur was executed at Lille on December 5 by sentence of a court-martial. This man had betrayed his battalion into a German ambuscade, and denounced his native village. Thirty-nine Mouettiers (Ardennais), to the Germans, who burned down every house in it but his own.

—A California scientist, whose head like his back must be a trifle weak, declares that he has prolonged his life by sleeping with his finger tips touching his toes, and has invented a machine to hold the body in that graceful and pleasant position. He contends that the "vital electric currents"—on the principle, we suppose, of the smoke-consuming stove—"are thus kept in even circumflow, instead of being thrown off at the extremities and wasted."

—Mr. Stanley, of Kit Carson, lost his sow recently, and, after a long search, found her in the midst of a herd of 30,000 buffaloes. The bison community had received her on terms of absolute equality, and it took three men and three swift horses to induce her to return to her pen.

—A French woman, calling herself Madame Brigham Young, has been arrested in Paris for indulging in what she called the "Utah Canoan" —a performance compared to which the Paris article is but a humdrum affair.

—A movement has been set on foot for the purpose of restoring the Strasburg Library, and an Honorary Committee formed in America, under the authority of Count Bismark-Bohlen, the German Governor of Alsace, to collect such offerings as may be made in America toward the restoration of not only one of the oldest libraries in Europe, but also one of the most ancient cradles of literature. The committee include Prof. Noah Porter, President of Yale College; Prof. Joseph Henry, of the Smithsonian Institute; William Cullen Bryant, editor New York *Evening Post*; A. R. Spofford, Esq., Librarian of Congress; Edwin, L. Godkin, Esq., editor of the *Nation*, and members of the preeminent book publishing firms in this country. Authors are invited to present copies of their works, and publishers to send selections from their lists.

—When the last German Arctic Expedition started for the North Pole, it carried a newly invented stove, by Professor Meidinger, which would have rejoiced the heart of Count Rumford, and has proved an invaluable invention. It is of iron, having a double wall, with a space about two inches wide between the outer and inner walls, to which the air has free access above and below. The cold air being always at the bottom, and the warm ascending, it follows that all the air in the room is being constantly forced through the space between the outer and inner covering of the stove, or what is the same, is being constantly heated. The coal is put in at the top, and fills the whole inside of the stove, which is about six feet high, more or less. It is then lighted at the top and kept burning by the draught created by valves inserted both into the side walls and at the bottom of the stove. The valves opened, the greater the heat, so that the temperature can be easily regulated. The expense is a third less than that of an ordinary German stove, and the new invention, in an elegant shape, is rapidly finding its way into dwelling houses.

—A well-known citizen of Nashville discovered a negro fellow-lodger in his house, one night this week, and shot at him deliberately three times with a pistol, the negro remaining a stationary target. The shots all missed, and the negro then stopped the schutzenzest by rushing in, beating the well-meaning but nervous citizen over the head with the butt of his own pistol, after it had refused to go off. The African escaped.

—A communication in the New York *Commercial Advertiser* says: "One of the best looking of the boys of the box on the Broadway 'bus line took me into his confidence long since. In reply to my question as to how much a driver made a day, he said: 'I make a good driver (meaning by this, one who is tactician enough to get fifteen or sixteen in his stage at once). 'I ought to go home with $5 to $7 in his pocket, outside of meals and tobacco; that is, when ridin's good, you know. We hasn't had no ridin' to speak of since war times. Them was the times for the stamps. I've moved a lot of 'em since I took in $21.' 'When the proprietors know very well that the drivers all 'knock down,' 'why,' said I 'don't they pay the men enough to live on?' 'Between you and me,' said he, 'if they paid us $10 a day they'd be money in.'

—The Russian Government has recently been engaged in reconstructing its army on the principle of a general conscription. The period of liability to service is to commence at 21, and to last for fifteen years. Graduates of the higher schools are required to serve only one year, and are required to enter the army until the age of 27, and pupils of the middle schools are not drafted until the age of 22. The period of active service varies according to the degree of education. University graduates are only required to remain in the army for six months, graduates of gymnasiums and lyceums for a year, and so on down to the illiterate, who are obliged to serve for six years. The causes of exemptions are very numerous; no military service is required from only sons, artisans employing five journeymen, foremen of manufactory establishments, clergymen of all denominations, choristers in the Russian churches, teachers, physicians, apothecaries, and veterinary surgeons. Notwithstanding these and other special exemptions, the Russian army in time of war, it is calculated, will consist of 1,915,200 men on the peace footing of all ranks. Of these, 22,917 officers and 1,312,542 soldiers are to be stationed in European Russia, and 4,671 officers and 169,211 men in the Caucasus. The above force will be distributed into 1,200 battalions of infantry and 190 squadrons of cavalry. The artillery will number 1,000 guns. In time of peace the number of troops under arms will amount to 34,707 officers and 728,000 men.

New Year's Calls.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: The happy New Year is soon to be here—the day for greeting our friends in their own home. Like the brook we look for them and will be looking too much of you to publish on Sunday morning the present address of those who would take the liberty to send their addresses to the hosts of friends, and would like to see them, but many of them I do not know where to find. Fix it up some way, and let us have the address of all who would be pleased to see their friends. Yours,

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MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Financial News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Gold firm, at 109¾@109¾. Loans, 3@6@1-16 for carrying. Clearings, $45,000,000. Bids at the Sub-Treasury were for $5,750,000, from 109 15-100 to 109 3-100, and sales $1,000,000, from 109 55-100 down to 109 42-100. The sale not being balanced by a previous purchase of bonds makes another confirmation to the distress caused by the scarcity of legal-tenders. Government is strong and higher, with a good investment demand.

Money tight during the forenoon, at 1-16@1 per day. Late in the day it was loaned at 7 per cent. The Treasury paid $1,650,000 gold on account of the January interest; also $375,000 currency interest. The payments in redemption of 5-20 bonds were $40,000.

It is reported that Alabama and Louisiana have provided funds to pay the January interest. The Comptroller of the State of Tennessee has called in all solvent notes of the State to pay 40 per cent into the sinking fund, which has been suspended since the rebellion. This will restore $600,000 in Tennessee bonds.

Stocks firm at the highest prices of the day. During the afternoon the market was quiet. The greatest improvement was in Wabash and Western Union. Rumors of further large sales of pots per Wabash are denied. A prominent operator sold 5 put on 15,000 shares of Erie at 35 for thirty days for 1 per cent.

State bonds, 7's.....
Sterling, 109 1-2.
Governments:

Coupon, '81.....	109 1-4	Do '78, W.....	108 1-2
Coupe, '81.....	107 3-4	Coupe.....	110 1-2
Coupon, '65.....	110 3-4	Do '68.....	109 1-4
Coupe, '65.....	109 1-2	Currency 6s.....	114 1-4
New.....	114 1-4		
State bonds:			
Missouri 6s.....	90	Virginia, old.....	56
Tennessee, old.....	70	Do, new.....	54
Tennessee, new.....	61	N. Carolina, new.....	32
Louisiana, 6s.....	51 1-2		

Stocks closed:

Canton.....	71	M. S. C.....	99
Central Union.....	111	Pac. Mail.....	33 1-2
Cumberland.....	31 1-2	Do pfd.....	78 1-2
Quicksilver.....	36	Pittsburg.....	93 1-4
Do pfd.....	57	Reading.....	97 1-2
Wells & F.....	26	Rock Island.....	94
Do pfd.....	50	Fort Wayne.....	97 1-2
Cleveland & P.....	91	Terre Haute.....	15
Cotton States.....	34 1-4	Do pfd.....	35
Del. & Hud.....	94 1-4	Ohio & Miss.....	31
New York Central.....	93 1-4	Chicago & Alton.....	110
N. Y. Central Scrip.....	80 1-2	Do pfd.....	120
Erie.....	35	Chicago & R. I.....	95 3-4
Erie pfd.....	63	C. C. & I. C.....	86
Harlem.....	125	Del. & Lack.....	97
Harlem pfd.....	132	Lake Shore.....	91 1-2
Reading.....	94 1-4	Illinois Central.....	127
Mich. Cent.....	114	Illinois Central pfd.....	130
Pittsburgh.....	92 1-2	Ohio & Miss. stock.....	31
Fort Wayne.....	97 1-4	C. P. S. S.....	19 1-4
Do pfd.....	97 1-2	C. P. S. S. pfd.....	30
R. R. Scrip.....	80		

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28—1:30 p. m.—Flour, 2s@2s6d. Wheat—Winter, 10s4d; No. 1 spring, 10s 5d; No. 2 spring, 10s 1d; white, 12s 9d. Pork, 80s. Lard, ——.

LONDON, Dec. 28—1:30 p. m.—Consols, 92@92¼; United States 6-20s, 91.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28—2 p. m.—The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £20,000. Consols, money, 92¼; account, 92¼. American securities firm; U. S. 5-20s, 1865, old, 91¼; 1867, 91¼; 10-40s, 91.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 28.—Bonds—92, 94.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Rentes, 65f 47c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling upland, 9¾d; Orleans, 10d; sales to-day, 10,000 bales; speculation and export, 3,000 bales.

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Coffee quiet and unchanged.

Rice quiet at 8@8½c.

PETROLEUM—Crude, 12½@13½c; refined, 23@23½c.

TURPENTINE—Dull at 45c.

PROVISIONS—Pork a shade firmer; new mess, $14.37@14.75; January, $14.50; February, $14.62½. Lard firm at 8½@8¾c for prime and cut meats unchanged. Dressed hogs steady at 5½@6c. Middles firm at 7½@7¾c for long clear; short clear, 7½@7¾c; long, 7½c; bellies, 8c. Lard a shade firmer; No. 1 to prime steam, 9½@9¾c; kettle, 9½@10c.

BUTTER—Steady: Western, 11@23c; State, 23@34c.

CHEESE—Dull at 11@14c.

WHISKEY—Heavy and lower at 90@90½c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour firm; superfine firm at $7.12½@7.25; double extra, $7.50. Corn quiet, 47@48c.

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MEMPHIS, Dec. 28.—Cotton steady; receipts, 1,000 bales; shipments, 1,000 bales; stock, 44,000 bales.

NORFOLK, Dec. 28.—Cotton quiet but firm; middlings, 19@19½c; net receipts, 1,827 bales; sales, 1,000 bales; stock, 65,939 bales.

MISCELLANEOUS.

—In future no white horses are to be employed in the French army, they were found to be such excellent guides to the Prussians there to direct their fire. A liver to the Frenchman's complaint.

—A Cincinnati editor, in speaking of a notorious ruffian in that State, who is supposed to have committed more murders than any other man on the Pacific Coast, says: "He has a wonderful talent for bereaving any family he does not happen to like."

—The historian four-and-twenty blackbirds who were baked in a pie have been quite thrown into the shade by 100 chickens who furnished the interior of a gigantic pasty baked last week in Bridgeport, Conn., for the fair of St. John's Church. It took four strong men to carry this monster into the hall; and it will take a great many more strong men and women and children to eat and digest it."

—The new Postmaster General of Great Britain has been for some time trying the system of delivering letters carriers of small boys, who can no employed for about $2.50 per week, while the department has been paying thirteen times as consequences can well be imagined. It is no unseemon thing to find these youthful officials playing marbles on the sidewalk, or fishing apparatus on the back springs of cabs, while the public are waiting for their letters at home.

—A Franc-Tireur was executed at Lille on December 5 by sentence of a court-martial. This man had betrayed his battalion into a German ambuscade, and denounced his native village.

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Henry A. Wise's Reminiscences.

Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, has written a book bearing this singular title, "Seven Decades of the Union. The humanities and the constitution. Illustrated by a Memoir of John Tyler. With Reminiscences of some of his Contemporaries. The Transition State of the Nation; Its Dangers and their Remedies." The most interesting part of this book are the reminiscences. In 1828 Mr. Wise went to Tennessee to be married, and immediately afterwards spent some days at the house of Andrew Jackson. Here are some of the points of that visit, and of his subsequent acquaintances with Jackson:

JACKSON'S TACT.

We heard numberless anecdotes of him illustrating the same characteristic of consummate tact. He knew that the world, or some one who knew him least, counted him of a temperament weak, impassioned, impulsive, irritable in action; and he often exercised this delusion as to his character into his greatest advantage. He was a consummate actor; never stepped without preparing and marking his ground. He never threw away most men thought he had a train of calculations. This enabled him to blind them by his affectation of simplicity and impulse, and neither Talma, nor Garrick, nor Kemble, nor Kean could excel him in histrionics." Frequently, when they thought he was in a towering passion, his whole excitement was "deliberately simulated for effect. For example, the bank committee would come from Philadelphia, or elsewhere, to overwhelm him with memorials upon the removal of the deposits, and to report a run, the crash of commercial credit by his anti-bank policy, he was fixed in his plans, and he knew that he could not change his purpose, and that the period of excitement would agree and remonstrate with them in vain; and he would lay down his head on his full height of stature and pace, and even to foam at the mouth whilst gesticulating vehemently against the dangers of a paper monopoly. "Yes," he had "rather see it a desert of Sahara, dying of thirst, than drink from such a fountain of corruption." The committees would retire in dismay, thinking they were leaving a madman, and so some of they were gone he would pass his pocket and chuckling, say: "They think that I was mad!" and coolly commence the policy of "never compromising a trifle; one always lost friends and never pleased enemies."

JACKSON'S TEMPER.

But, on another occasion, his ignorance of language did entangle him in a serious mistake, and almost in a scrape. Jackson's administration, while Mr. Louis McLane, of Delaware, was Secretary of State, France sent a certain dashing Minister to Washington, a young man just elevated above the grade of *Charge*, whose passions, and gold lace was magnificent. He called on the Secretary to appoint an audience with the President, and Mr. McLane, an accomplished, courtly gentleman, begged him to call the next day at 10 o'clock at the State Office, when he would accompany and present him to the President.

Minister in Minister mistook as to the hour of calling. He thought he was to call at the President's mansion at 10 o'clock a. m. Accordingly, in full panoply of costume, sash and four, with attendants, grooms, outriders, out-riders, and footmen, at the appointed hour, drove up to the front door of the White House, instead of to the State Department, where Mr. McLane was awaiting his arrival.

The President was served by a colored cook, and the celebrated Irishman, Tommy O'Neal, was General Jackson's petted waiter. The hour was about the time of General Jackson's finishing puff of the pipe after breakfast, and he smoked as he did every thing else, with all his might! His cook was to Latakia curl, no degree than barely opened lips; but a steady, unremitting volume of white smoke rising up whiff after whiff, puff after puff, bowl and stem and pipe all smoked a blast and fast as they could, and the fire burned and the ashes hot, and the whole room was so obfuscated that one could hardly taste its atmosphere or see. His usual way of sitting while smoking was with his left leg thrown across the right, and the left hand behind the right tendo-Achilles. In the long pipe-stem resting in the fork or arch of the two knees, and reaching nearly to the floor. His smoked the old Powhattan; but he had since very fog. In this attitude he was sitting and smoking. Mr. McLane was waiting at the State Office for Mr. Minister, while Mr. Minister was riding to the Presidential mansion. He arrived—the French cook in the kitchen, Jemmy Neal about his business, and General Jackson in full puff! He announced his name and errand. Tommy vanished. The cook began to ring, Jemmy was summoned to the door, and there presented itself all in full parade. The divil a word could Jemmy understand, and the best he could do was to run upstairs to the General and announce "a gentleman very grand; but Jemmy winked at didn't seem right, as there seemed nothing for that soon in the morning, and it might be, after all, an imposition. Anyhow, there was no telling about the thing, "was it unusual?" it might turn out what it occurred—a Lawrence affair! The General quietly replied, "Oh, Jemmy the stranger up—we will see who it is." The man, and Jackson sat smoking, when presently the room door was thrown wide open, and a mankin of gold lace entered. Jackson sat, with bullion and white feather, raised in hand, making a salaam to the left with tremendous effect, and with the same and a salaam to the left with tremendous effect, and with the same with vehement gesture, and approaching nearer and nearer; it seemed stunning in the extreme.

The President quit smoking, beat the bowl of his pipe in his hand, rose quickly, took off the back of his chair, and exclaimed, with a strong voice, "By the eternal gods, Lewis, who is this?"

The man, with eyes and ears open, and hands out, was amazedly looking on, when, forthwith, he bel ought him of the French cook, and ran for him. There was no time to waste; the French cook, with his shirt sleeves rolled up to his shoulders, and just as he was, besprinkled white with flour, ran up to Jemmy, arriving just in time to save the pate from being smashed by the hands of the General Jackson's hands.

"Jean Bien!" exclaimed the cook; "it is the Minister of Louis Philippe!"

"I said the General: "walk in, sir; it is no ceremony here." And he was taking the Minister by both hands as Mr. McLane entered to see the mistake in the prevention of the catastrophe, to enjoy the joke, which made a thousand times more afterward, "shake" to hilarity "like a bowlfull of jelly."

THE LIFE AND DEATH OF MRS. JACKSON.

Mrs. Jackson was elected President in 1828. His domestic life had been full of trials and scourged, and his beloved and cherished wife had been most malignantly reviled and tortured, by the forked tongues of political opponents. She was happy in the love, and was inspired to the splendor of fortune in life. She had fled to his manly arms for protection and peace, and had been sought and saved by his gallant champion-ship. She was the spouse of his bosom, his counsellor, his friend, his companion, his wife, and of him may be truly said, that, in respect to "wassail, wine, and song," he was one of the purest men of his time, and that, too, in an age of rude habits and vulgar dissipation among the rough settlers of the West. He was temperate in all things, abstemious in diet, simple in tastes, unostentatious in manners, except when roused, and always preferred the society of ladies."

The most remarkable, pure, and poetic action. He was never accused of infidelity in any of the grosser vices, except that of early life he swore, horse-raced, and attended cock-fights. As for the wife of his bosom, she was the model of godless character, and of an unassuming, consistent Christian; and political rancor bitterly assailed her, and filled with defamation, endeavored to blight her by the contemptuous appellation of "Aunt Rachel," and held her up to ridicule as "smoking a corn-cob pipe." She did not that form, not for the pleasure of smoking, but because a pipe was prescribed by her physician for her phthisis, "and she rose in the night to smoke for relief. On the night of December, 1828, she rose to smoke, and caught cold while sitting in her night-dress, and the story is that her ayah was shocked by her overhearing herself while waiting in a parlor of the Nashville Inn. She had said to a friend on the election of her husband: "For Jackson's sake, I am glad; for my part, I never wished it. I assure you I would be a door-keeper in the house of my God than live in that palace in Washington." Before the day of General's inauguration at the White House, she was taken by her God to that bourne whence no traveler returns.

The day of burial came, and we witnessed the solemn scene. This we can confidently say, that more sincere homage was done to her memory than was ever done to any woman in high life and country living. Thousands upon thousands and from all the country around came to her funeral. The poor white people, the slaves of the Hermitage and the adjacent plantations, and the neighbors, crowded from the country of town and country, and from the garden in which the interment was made. She had been a Hannah to every needy household. She was more than mistress, a mother to her dependents; and the richest and the poorest were proud of the privilege of her sweet and simple friendship. She was, in fact, loved and honored by high and low, black, bond and free, to the spot. That love was so unaffectedly shown by a wail so loud and long that there was no mistaking its grief for the loss of the departed one, but of the living. From that same door of the house near which the bridal party sat but a few months before her remains.

Hall-bearers came General Jackson, who left hand in the arm of General Carroll, holding his cane in his right hand, pressing it with the hand over the top of the thumb up, but with the other hand and holding the point as he would have held the pile of the cloth. Weeping were heard on every side, but the loudest was in the sobs of the mourning negro-servants of his coming up to the cold clay a favorite old servant of Mrs. Jackson's through the group around the grave, and fell into the grave with the coffin was about 60 years of age, but robust and strong, and, falling near the brink, got both feet over the edge of the grave, when the sexton and others took hold of her and prevented her descending, and were trying to raise her up and remove her. Her cries were agonizing: "My mistress, my best friend, my love, my life, is gone—I will go with her!"

This was but a moment; but, close to General Jackson, we watched him intently. Every muscle of his face was unmoved; steady as a rock, without a tear-drop in his eye or a quaver in his voice, he quickly raised the point of his cane, and said: "Let that faithful servant weep for her best friend and loved mistress; she has the right and cause to mourn for her loss, and her grief is sweet to me." The persons who had hold of her immediately released her, and left her sitting over the fresh clods, weeping, and there she remained, hindering the burial, until, after awhile, some of her friends persuaded her to leave the side of the grave, and let the ceremony go on. The body was let down, "dust to dust" was said, the grave was filled and shaped into the common mound which covers poor mortality, and General Jackson was led away by General Carroll, back to the northeast room. The crowd followed, and we got in near to the chief mourner. Arriving fairly into the room and pausing a few moments, he looked around him, and, raising his voice, said:

"Friends and neighbors, I thank you for the honor you have done to the sainted one whose remains now repose in yonder grave. She is now in the bliss of heaven, and I know that she can suffer here no more on earth. That is enough for my consolation; my loss is her gain. But I am left without her, to encounter the trials of life alone. I am now the President elect of the United States, and in a short time must take my way to the metropolis of my country, and if it had been God's will I would have been grateful for the privilege of taking her to my post of honor and seating her by my side, but Providence knew what was best for her. For myself, I bow to God's will, and go alone to the place of new and arduous duties, and I shall not go without friends to reward, and I pray God that I may not be allowed to have one more to punish. I can forgive all who have wronged me, but will have fervently to pray that I may have grace to enable me to forget or forgive any enemy who has ever maligned that blessed one who is now safe from all suffering and sorrow, whom they tried to put to shame for my sake!"

This was uttered calmly, mournfully, and in such deep cadence of the crowd that it was audible and distinct to every one in the room. We can never forget it. Could he? The answer to the question illustrates his leading trait of the policy of pugnacity.

In the time he went to Washington City, and was inaugurated President of the United States. He took up his abode in the White House. His bed was placed in the appropriate chamber. Prominent on the walls of that chamber, right opposite the pillow of the bed, was hung a picture of his wife—placed there, as he himself said, so that it might be the first object to meet his eyes when his lids opened in the morning, and the last for his gaze to leave when they closed in sleep at night.

JACKSON AND AMOS KENDALL.

And yet, soon after he was a lodger there that room was the scene of his private conferences at night, in which Amos Kendall was his chief scribe and amanuensis, to write the broadside editorials of the *Globe* under his dictation and instruction, but not with his diction. He was a better thinker than his scribe, his scribe a better writer than he. He would lie down and smoke and dictate his ideas as well as he could express them, and Amos Kendall would write a paragraph and read it. That was not the thing; many times the scribe would write and rewrite again and again, and fail to "fetch a compass" of the meaning. At last, by alteration and correction, getting nearer and nearer to it, he would see it, and be himself astonished at its master's power. General Jackson needed such an amanuensis—intelligent, learned, industrious—as Mr. Kendall was. He could think, but could not write; he knew what nerve to touch, but he was no surgeon, skilled in the instrument of dissection, Kendall was. But how came Amos Kendall there, in General Jackson's sanctum, where his saint's picture hung! She had been most maligned by Amos Kendall, the editor of Clay's leading journal in Kentucky, during the canvass. Kendall had called her "Aunt Rachel with the corncob pipe," and had exaggerated Robard's wrongs and Rachel's failings in every term of reproach and ridicule. There was the chief enemy who had maligned her, there hung the picture of the wounded saint, and there was the husband avenger, who volunteered a vow at her grave! This was mighty strange. Not so, however, to those who knew General Jackson well. No man was cooler in his calculations than he was. He would sometimes seem to fight most rashly, but no one ever knew him to fight at all unless there was a stake up worth fighting for.

Kendall had been a poor Yankee schoolmaster, and was a protege of Mr. Clay. He had been but a hireling, and was but a pen of the political malice of Mr. Clay's party.

What had he (President Jackson) to gain by fighting the pen, the more amanuensis, when his aim was to slay the prompter of all his wrongs? Kendall, for cause, left the fallen house of Clay, and fled to the rock of power and strength. He knew much, could reveal much, could deliver up all the enemy's armory. He was indefatigable, unscrupulous, and able. He was the very weapon for a pugnacious patron to use, and could arrest strike the arch enemy—he had been the arch enemy's own.

General Jackson then could throw away prejudice, passion, vengeance itself, and vows, and coolly take Amos to that chamber, in presence of that picture, though he had applied the "scourger's daughter" of torture to "Aunt Rachel." Amos Kendall was his man, and he could and did use him with tremendous effect to destroy his first patron, Mr. Clay.

CLAY'S DEFEAT AND CLAY'S DEMEANOR.

The defeat of Clay for the nomination in 1840 is explained with great minuteness by Mr. Wise, and Clay's reception of it is related thus:

The triangular correspondence had been successful; the convention to nominate a President and Vice President had been postponed until after the Pennsylvania elections; the friends of Mr. Webster had used General Scott's name to defeat the nomination of Mr. Clay, and General Scott's nomination was defeated in turn by that of General Harrison in the fall of 1838. Mr. Clay had been fully warned of the machinations to defeat him, and would not give credence to the friendly caution. He would hardly credit the device and its success to the last. In the very hour of his defeat he was sitting in a room at Brown's Hotel, anxiously awaiting to hear of his nomination. He made most singular exhibitions of himself in that moment of ardent expectancy. He was open and exceedingly profane in his denunciations of the intriguers against his nomination. We had taken two Whig friends of our district to see him, and after they had met some time listening to him, in utter surprise at his remarks, full of the most impudent, coarse crimination of others, in words befitting only a bar-room in vulgar broil, of a sudden he stopped, and turning to the two gentlemen, whom he were dressed in black and both strangers to him, he said, "But, gentlemen, for aught I know, from your cloth you may be parsons, and shocked at my words. Let us take a glass of wine." And, rising from his seat, he walked to a well loaded sideboard, at which, evidently, he had been imbibing deeply before we entered.

Thereupon we bowed and took leave. One of the gentlemen, after returning remarked, "That man can never be my political idol again," and from that time to this he has ceased to admire him. In a short time after that he (Mr. Clay) went across the street to the parlor of his boarding-house, where he awaited the arrival of two of his personal friends, on the night of the nomination of Harrisburg, to bring him the news of the final proceedings and choice of the Whig convention.

We went to the depot and got the intelligence of the nomination of General Harrison and Mr. Tyler, and hastened back to him and Mr. Tyler, and hastened back to him with the news. Such an exhibition we never witnessed before, and we pray never again to witness such an ebullition of passion, such a storm of desperation and curses. He rose from his chair, and, walking backwards and forwards rapidly, lifting his feet like a horse string-halted in both legs, stamped his steps upon the floor, exclaiming: "My friends are not worth the powder and shot if friends are not worth the powder and shot it would take to kill them." He mentioned the names of several, invoking upon them the most horrid imprecations, and then turning to us, approached rapidly, and stopping before us with violent gesture and loud voice, said: "If there were two Henry Clays, one of them would make the other President of the United States."

DANIEL WEBSTER.

Of Mr. Webster's public life nothing need here be said. His private intercourse was even more attractive than his position as a statesman was commanding. He was, when in the right mood, the most genial of companions, and his conversation was more delightful and instructive than his speeches or orations. On one occasion we went into the Senate Chamber, and were standing alone in the lobby, listening to some dull debate; he was sitting in his usual place, not occupied, and hardly attending to what was going on, but thoughtful, and, as was his habit when musing, pulling one of his ears. As we were looking at him he caught our eye, rose immediately from his seat, came to where we were and took us by the arm, saying, "Come here." There was a map of the United States hanging behind the Vice President's chair, to which he led us and inquired, "Where do you live? Show me the spot." We pointed to the spot of the eastern shore, on the Virginia coast, opposite the Metompkin inlet. "Well," said he, "do you ever shoot curlews and will—willets?" We replied, "Yes." He then descanted on the habits of these birds and the time of their migration. He said that at the proper season his custom was to shoot them off Nahant, perhaps, and that, according to his calculation of climate and distance, about two or three weeks after he began shooting them there they migrated to the Virginia coast. "Now," said he, "remember that if you see any crippled ones down your way after about that time they are my birds." This was said with a magic geniality, and, without waiting for our reply, he asked: "Where did your ancestors come from?" We told him that our blood was half English and half Scotch—all our paternal ancestors came from the north of England, and most of the *progenii* had been clergymen; that the only marked man among them he had heard of was Sir William Wise, distinguished for his wit, whom Henry the Eighth had knighted for gratifying his spleen against the French by saying, when asked what the phrase *beau-de-lis* meant, "It meant French lies, sire." He laughed, and then gravely told us his reason for asking who our ancestors were. Near his father's residence, along the New Hampshire coast, dwelt an English gentleman, an old ex-warrant officer of the British navy, a bachelor, alone in a small fisherman's cot, named Daniel Wise. That his name was no *lucus a non lucendo*, for he was a very Daniel, judge indeed of most things, and especially of men, and was exceedingly good and wise by nature as well as by name; and was the best master of a boat, the most cunning in fishing craft and tackle, and the most invetemate fisherman he ever heard or read of, Izaak Walton not excepted. Mr. Webster, when a boy, was devoted to fishing, and thus won the heart of "Uncle Daniel Wise," who taught him to fix his hook and line, and bait, and all ways fondly took him in his hook whenever he was allowed by his mother to venture out upon the water. He was dead many years before, if seeming, and we could never comprehend his genealogies with him. This little incident first drew us near to Mr. Webster, especially, and we were grateful afterward for an opportunity to hear him talk in the same strain, when he was in the mood to do it, with his heart as well as with his tongue. At such times we preferred listening to his narrations to reading Scott's best novels; so simple, pure, and touching was his genial pathos; his eyes were "great, path-fingers," oxlike, beaming generous, genial thoughts, gracious and great. Clay, in comparison with him, socially, was what Tom Marshall called him, a "sublime blackguard."

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY.

As Narrated in the Gospel of the Protevangelion.

The Protevangelion, or Historical Account of the Birth of Christ and the perpetual Virgin Mary His Mother, is ascribed to James the Less, who has been sometimes styled "cousin and brother of the Lord Jesus, and Chief Apostle and first Bishop of the Christians in Jerusalem." The allusions to this Gospel in the ancient Fathers are frequent, and their expressions indicate that at one period it was widely credited. The controversies founded on it chiefly relate to the age of Joseph at the birth of Christ, and on his being a widower with children before his marriage with the Virgin. The book is supposed to have been originally composed in Hebrew. Postellus brought the MS. of this Gospel from the Levant, translated it into Latin, and sent it to Oporinus, a printer at Basle, where Bibliander, a Protestant divine, and the Professor of Divinity at Zurich, caused it to be printed in 1552. Postellus asserted that it was publicly read as canonical in the Eastern churches; they manifestly no doubt that James was the author of it. It is, nevertheless, considered apocryphal by the most learned divines in the Protestant and Roman Catholic churches. We reproduce from this ancient, though reputed spurious, Gospel, the account of the Nativity:

And it came to pass, that there went forth a decree from the Emperor Augustus that all the Jews should be taxed, who were of Bethlehem in Judea:

And Joseph said, I will take care that my children be taxed; but what shall I do with this wrong woman?

To have her taxed as my wife, I am ashamed; and if I tax her as my daughter, all Israel knows she is not my daughter.

When the time of the Lord's appointment shall come, let him do as seems good to Him.

And he saddled the ass, and put her upon it, and Joseph and Simon followed her, and arrived at Bethlehem within three miles.

Then Joseph, turning about, saw her sorrowful, and said within himself, Perhaps she is in pain through that which is within her.

But Joseph, he had turned about again, he saw her laughing, and said to her, What is it happens it, that I sometimes see sorrow, and sometimes laughter and joy in thy countenance?

And Mary replied to him, I see two people within mine eyes, the one weeping and moaning, the other laughing and rejoicing.

And he went again across the way, and Mary said to Joseph, Take me down from the ass, for that which is in me presses to come forth.

But Joseph replied, Whither shall I take thee, for the place is desert?

Then said Mary again to Joseph, Take me down, for that which is within me mightily presses me.

And Joseph took her down. And he found there a cave, and let her into it.

And leaving her and his son in the cave, Joseph went forth to seek a Hebrew midwife in the village of Bethlehem.

But as I was going (said Joseph) I looked up into the air, and I saw the clouds astonished, and the fowls of the air stopping in the midst of their flight.

And I looked down toward the earth, and saw a table spread, and working people sitting around it, but their hands were upon the table, and they did not move to eat.

They who had meat in their mouths did not eat.

They who lifted their hands up to their heads did not draw them back.

And they who lifted up their mouths did not put anything in.

But all their faces were fixed upward.

And I beheld the sheep dispersed, and yet the sheep stood still.

And the shepherd lifted up his hand to smite them, and his hand continued up.

And I looked unto a river, and saw the kids of goats with their mouths to the water, and touching it, but they did not drink.

Then I beheld a woman coming down from the mountains, and she said to me, Where art thou going, O man?

And I said to her, I go to inquire for a Hebrew midwife.

She replied to me, Where is the woman that is to be delivered?

And I answered, In the cave, and she is betrothed to me.

Then said the midwife, Is she not thy wife?

Joseph answered. It is Mary, who was educated in the Holy of Holies, in the house of the Lord, and she fell to me by lot, and is my wife, but has conceived by the Holy Ghost.

The midwife said, Is this true?

He answered, Come and see.

And the midwife went along with him and stood in the cave.

Then a bright cloud overshadowed the cave, and the midwife said, This day my soul is magnified, for mine eyes have seen surprising things, and salvation is brought forth to Israel.

But on a sudden the cloud became a great light in the cave, so that their eyes could not bear it.

But the light gradually decreased, until the infant appeared, and sucked the breast of his mother Mary.

Then the midwife cried out and said, How glorious a day is this, wherein mine eyes have seen this extraordinary sight!

And the midwife went out from the cave, and Salome met her.

And the midwife said to her, Salome, Salome, I will tell you a most surprising thing which I saw.

A virgin hath brought forth, which is a thing contrary to her nature.

To which Salome replied, As the Lord my God liveth, unless I receive particular proof of this matter, I will not believe that a virgin hath brought forth.

Then Salome went in, and the midwife said, Mary, show thyself, for a great controversy is risen concerning thee.

And Salome received satisfaction.

But her hand was withered, and she groaned bitterly.

And said, Woe to me, because of mine iniquity; for I have tempted the living God, and my hand is ready to drop off.

Then Salome made her supplication to the Lord, and said, O, God of my fathers, remember me, for I am of the seed of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob.

Make me not a reproach among the children of Israel, but restore me sound to my parents.

For Thou well knowest, O Lord, that I have performed many offices of charity in Thy name, and have received my reward from Thee.

Upon this an angel of the Lord stood by Salome, and said: The Lord God hath heard thy prayer; reach forth thy hand to the child, and carry him, and by that means thou shalt be restored.

Salome, filled with exceeding joy, went to the child, and said, I will touch him.

And she proposed to worship him, for she said, This is a great king, which is born in Israel.

And straightway Salome was cured.

Then the midwife went out of the cave, being approved by God.

And lo! a voice came to Salome, Declare not the strange things which thou hast seen till the child has come to Jerusalem.

So Salome also departed, approved of God.

Then Joseph was preparing to go away.

Then there arose a great disorder in Bethlehem by the coming of some wise men from the East.

Who said, Where is the King of the Jews born? For we have seen his stay in the East, and have come to worship him.

When Herod heard this he was exceedingly troubled, and sent messengers to the wise men and to the priests, and inquired of them in the Town Hall.

And said unto them, Where have have you it written concerning Christ, the King, or where should he be born?

Then they say unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea; for thus it is written; And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the Princes of Judah, for out of thee shall come a ruler, who shall rule my people Israel.

And having sent away the chief priests, he inquired of the wise men in the town hall, and said unto them, What sign was it ye saw concerning the King that is born?

They answered him, We saw an extraordinary large star shining among the stars of heaven, and so outshining the other stars, as they became not visible, and we knew thereby that a great King was born in Israel, and therefor we are come to worship him.

Then said Herod to them, Go and make diligent inquiry, and if ye find the child bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

So the wise men went forth, and behold, the star which they saw in the East went before them, till it came and stood over the cave where the young child was with Mary his mother.

Then they brought forth out of their treasures and offered unto him gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

And being warned in a dream by an angel that they should not return to Herod through Judea, they departed into their own country by another way.

"THE STAR OF ITALY."

Victor Emanuel on the Throne—The Rejoicings at Rome.

Florence (Nov. 26) Correspondence of the New York Evening Post.

Yesterday, King Victor Emanuel I. opened the Italian Parliament in Rome, under circumstances peculiarly propitious.

The enthusiasm which this first meeting of Parliament in the Eternal City has aroused, not merely in the capital, but throughout all Italy, is indescribable. From early morning until late at night there was in Rome a continual festival. The streets were adorned with numberless triumphal arches, and the square with beautiful pavilions. Thousands of flags were flying, and every house was gaily decorated. Extreme animation prevailed in the streets, while at the windows the beauty, not merely of Rome, but of all Europe, was represented. The weather was delightful; so clear, indeed, was the atmosphere, that for some time in the morning a beautiful star was visible, notwithstanding the sunlight. All the journals, announcing this extraordinary phenomenon, state that everywhere throughout the city the people gazed intently, exclaiming: "It is the star of Italy!"

All the towns and villages in the vicinity of Rome were crowded with strangers unable to find accommodation within the city. The illumination last night was upon a scale of unparalleled magnificence. There were numerous fine arches, gaily decorated with illuminated flowers and heraldic devices. At many points were lovely pavilions with pendant bells and globes, and light of every color; also, beautiful gardens, with brilliant rays issuing from the flowers. Some of the saloons were transformed into magnificent saloons, elegantly decorated. Calcium lights (called "suns") cast their fervid rays in all directions. The long Corso, from the Piazza di Venezia to the Piazza del Popolo, is described as "a gallery of fire." At the the Piazza di Venezia was a splendid arch, upon which was written in flaming characters: "Viva Vittorio Emmanuele, Rod d'Italia." Other arches were erected along the Corso at distances of about forty yards.

The royal family proceeded in great state to the palace of Monte Citorio, where Parliament was convoked. Shortly before 10½ o'clock the cortege of the Princess Margueritta issued from the Palace of the Quirinal. In the eighth carriage appeared the Princess accompanied by the Signora Lavatelli, lady of honor, and two gentlemen of the court. She was elegantly attired in emerald-green velvet, trimmed with antique lace. Arrived at Monte Citorio, the Princess was received by the deputations of the Senate and the Cameras, entering the assembly hall, preceded with her suite to the right tribune. Her appearance was the signal for a frantic outburst of applause—three times repeated.

At a little before 11 o'clock was heard the thunder of the artillery. The trumpets sounded, and the royal cortege issued from the Quirinal. At the head of the procession was a mounted detachment of National Guards, followed by cuirassiers; then came two grooms, preceding a carriage of great magnificence, surmounted by a crown, and in this carriage was Victor Emanuel, wearing the uniform of a General. Upon his left was the Prince Umberto, and opposite the Prince Eugenio and the General de Sonnaz. Prince Umberto, like his father, was dressed as a General, while Prince Eugenio appeared as an Admiral. An officer of the National Guard and a shield-bearer of the King rode on either side of the royal carriage.

There next appeared a body of mounted National Guards, and afterward several carriages of the court, the procession terminating with another detachment of troops. The King was received with enthusiastic enthusiasm. The music of the "Royal March" was lost in incessant shouts of "Long live Victor Emmanuel!" The ladies applauded from the balconies, and the spectacle moved many of them to tears.

At the Parliament the King was received by the deputation of Senators and Deputies, and entered the chamber accompanied by the Princes, the Ministers, the grand dignitaries of state, and the gentlemen of the court.

"Here," says an account in the *Gazetta d' Italia*, "the pen can no longer describe. The thundering that rose from every side, the frantic agitation of all the hands and all the arms, the commotion, the joy, the tears, the feverish enthusiasm, is something that surpasses even the most fervid imagination. The applause was renewed three or four times. For many minutes it was impossible to commence the session, and the martial countenance of the King appeared so disturbed and moved that perhaps in the first moment the voice did not suffice him to pronounce the discourse of the Crown. He paused some time at the foot of the throne, saluting. The effect of that solemn, grandiose, most imposing moment is indescribable."

At the foot of the throne the military cortege, brilliant with gilded devices, presented a magical and imposing spectacle.

After the President of the Council in the name of the King invited the Senators and the Deputies to resume their seats, the King Victor Emmanuel pronounced, with a firm and clear voice, the following discourse, of which only a brief synopsis was forwarded by cable to America:

Signori Senatori, Signori Deputati:

The seat to which we consecrated our life is accomplished. (Applause.)

After long expatriation, Italy is restored to her capital of Rome. (Loud and prolonged applause.)

Here, where our people, after the dispersion of many centuries, are for the first time gathered together in the majesty of their representatives (applause); here, where we recognize the country of our thoughts, everything speaks to us of grandeur, but at the same time everything reminds us of our duties. The joys of these days shall not cause us to forget them. (Applause.)

We have reconquered our place in the world, defending the right of the nation. To-day, that the nationality and independence and a new era of Italian history opened, we will not prove false to our principles. (Applause.)

Rome is the name of liberty, we should seek in liberty and in order the secret of strength and of conciliation. (Applause.)

Already proclaimed the separation of the State from the Church, and recognising the perfect independence of the spiritual authority, we should have called it a free Church, may also continue to be the pacific and respected seat of the pontificate.

Thus we shall succeed in tranquilizing consciences as, by a firmness of resolution equal to the moderation of the manner, we have succeeded in solving the national unity, preserving and in altered the amicable relations with foreign powers.

The propositions that will be presented to you for the regulation of the religious corporations, basing themselves upon the same principle of liberty, with regard only to the necessities of action and tax form of the possessions, leaving intact those ecclesiastical institutions that have part in the government of the universal. In addition to this most serious subject, the economic and financial questions chiefly demand your study.

Now that Italy is constituted, we should reserve in order her prosperous by the amelioration of the financial system, the increasing which cannot fail, if we bring to the task that same virtue and perseverance from which has issued our national life.

A good financial condition will assure the means for strengthening the military organization. My most ardent desire is for peace, which alone causes me to fear that peace will be disturbed; still, the organization of the army and navy, the improvement of the arms, the defensive works of the national territory, require long and mature study; and the future may demand a severe account for every unforeseen delay.

You will examine the measures toward the end in question which will be presented to you by my government.

Other propositions are not wanting; such as those regarding the communes and the provinces, the administrative decentralization to such a degree as shall not weaken the state, and those relative to a single penal code, the abolition of the institution of the jury, and to give greater uniformity and efficacy to the judicial organization, by which we will increase the public security, without which the blessings of liberty are themselves in peril.

Signori Senatori, Signori Deputati:

A vast field of labor opens before us. The national unity achieved, the struggle of parties will be, I hope, less animated. It will have, henceforth, no other aim than the better development of the productive forces of the nation. (Applause.)

And I rejoice greatly at the increasing industry of our population, manifested through many indices.

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STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

The present financial condition of Cook County, and incidentally of the State, is becoming a matter of serious importance. The assessments for State and county purposes, for the tax of 1871, were made last year and returned to the County Clerk's office. They were totally destroyed by the fire. There is no duplicate, nor is there any means of furnishing one. The County Treasurer, who is Collector of Taxes, has no record of any assessment of any property in Cook County. The County Clerk has no record of any assessment, and can furnish none to the Treasurer. The Town Assessors had completed their work, and have no returns to make to the County Clerk. The Auditor has notified the Clerk of this county that the rate of taxation for the year is a given number of mills on the dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property in this county; the Board of Supervisors have also fixed the rate of taxation for county purposes on the same valuation; but there is no record of any such valuation, nor of the assessment of any property in this county for any such purpose.

The Legislature has been in session two months with a full knowledge of this fact, and yet no action has been taken to remedy the difficulty. Taxes will be due on the 30th of April; but no taxes can be collected in this county in the absence of an assessment. The State tax collected in this county is equal, ordinary, to one-sixth of the whole revenue of the State. Unless there be a tax collected here, the State will lose this large portion of her revenue, and the county will be left helpless. There will not be a dollar in the Treasury to meet liabilities, pay interest, support public institutions, pay salaries, or carry on the County Government. Our members of the Legislature have expended a vast amount of words begging for a reduction of taxes equal to the amount of property destroyed by the fire. But what taxes are to be rebated? No assessment has been made of which there is any record, or of which a copy can be made. Not a line of the Assessors' returns is in existence. How can taxes be levied on property not listed or returned? How can the Treasurer or Collectors collect taxes not assessed?

It is clear that the Legislature should, immediately upon meeting in January, provide for a new assessment of taxable property in Cook County, and for the collection of taxes upon the returns thus made. That is the only legal means by which revenue can be collected in this county, and it is the shortest and most direct. It has also the recommendation of being the only honest and just process of reaching the necessary end.

There are State officers interested in this matter. Unless there be a State tax collected in this county, there will be an alarming deficiency in the State revenue, while the county affairs will be involved in the most inexplicable confusion. The Board of County Commissioners should address their attention to this subject promptly.

BUILDING MATERIALS FOR CHICAGO.

The bill pending before Congress for allowing the importation into Chicago, for one year, of all articles of building material to be used in the burned district, free of duty, will, we have no doubt, become a law. Some years ago, when the city of Portland was destroyed, Congress, by an unanimous vote in both houses, passed a similar bill, and the precedent will unquestionably be followed in this case. The immense importance of this act will be readily understood by any one who will estimate the amount of each kind of material we shall need to rebuild the burned district. The duties in gold, on some of the principal of these articles, are as follows:

	Per cent.		Per cent.
Brick	20	Lumber	20
Brass	35	Window glass	30
Copper	33	Glass, finished plate	30
Felt for roofing	20	Paint	30
Marble, rough	72	Nails	33
Marble, sawed and dressed	148	Screws	57
Iron castings	60	Lead manufactures	30
Iron bars	56	Granite	20
Water and gas pipes	35	Tin, sheets and plates	30
Gas fixtures	50	Varnish	57
Zinc	47	Steel	45

It is not an extravagant estimate to say that the passage of this bill will make a difference in the cost of rebuilding the burned district of Chicago to the amount of $25,000,000. Lest any person might make the mistake of assuming that this remission of duties will involve a loss of the same amount of revenue to the government, it is necessary to state that the entire revenue collected last year from the United States from all the articles we have enumerated did not reach $4,000,000. The remission of the duties on these articles, imported into Chicago for one year, will not involve a loss of revenue of more than $200,000, though it will furnish our people with the materials needed at a saving of not less than $25,000,000.

The bill now before the Committee of Ways and Means was introduced by Mr. Burchard, of Illinois. A similar bill was also introduced by General Beveridge in the House, and by General Logan in the Senate. They are all copied from the Portland act, and it remains to be seen whether Congress will be less liberal to Chicago, in her greater calamity, than to the principal city of Maine.

SENATOR TRUMBULL'S POSITION.

The position of Senator Trumbull, as regards the recent needless commotion in the Senate over the resolution to continue the Committee of Investigation and Retrenchment, has been made the subject of considerable discussion, more or less complimentary to that gentleman. As we understand it, Mr. Trumbull had no other thought, in moving the resolution, than to carry forward those reforms in the civil service which he has been advocating ever since the close of the war. This committee, under the able and impartial leadership of Senator Patterson, of New Hampshire, had, in the preceding Congress, exposed many venerable abuses which had crept into the civil service, particularly in that branch of it which has to do with the collection of the customs. The publication of the testimony, one year ago, had not been objected to by anybody on the score of its effect upon the party,—certainly not by the President of the United States. Nor is there any evidence that he desired either to suppress that investigation or to prevent a continuance of the same. That a committee which had performed such signal service, but had not yet exhausted the subject, ought to be continued, was, we presume, the only thought in Senator Trumbull's mind when he made his motion. It is not probable that he stopped to inquire how it would suit the office-holders in New York, or the office-holders anywhere else. It is not likely that he paused to inquire how it would suit the Executive branch of the government, though, if he had done so, he would have found ample justification in the President's message for making the motion he did make. Not being himself a part of the Executive branch of the government, it was not for him to inquire whether a resolution, right in itself, was agreeable to that branch of the government or not. It is very clear, however, that he had no unfriendly or sinister motives in taking the step, and that the motion is to be judged upon its merits. Mr. Trumbull has been long enough in the Senate to enable the public to judge whether he usually acts from sinister motives, and whether, in moving a resolution of inquiry asking for the appointment of a committee, he intends something different from what appears on the surface. During President Lincoln's administration, committees of investigation in both Senate and House were prying and digging all the time; yet nobody ever dreamed of accusing the movers or the members of sinister or unpatriotic motives. There was a Committee on the Conduct of the War, in session all the time, inquiring into everything, perhaps doing some foolish things, yet, on the whole, a useful committee. Senator Chandler was a member of that committee, and he probably never thought himself a disloyal person, or unfriendly to President Lincoln, by reason of his membership or his inquisitive proceedings. There was a committee to investigate army contracts, and another to investigate navy contracts, and another to investigate gun contracts, and another to investigate frauds in the transportation of troops and supplies, besides several other committees on minor subjects.

The theory that a desire to investigate implies unfriendliness to the Administration, is altogether novel and original. It is a recent discovery made by Senator Conkling and those who followed his absurd leadership in opposing Mr. Trumbull's resolution. As for Mr. Trumbull himself, he secured a substantial triumph in the estimation of the country, without desiring or intending it. He sought no victory over anybody or anything, except the bad system which he has so long opposed and exposed. He has made no attack upon the Administration, nor is there any reason to suppose that the Administration desired to prevent the passage of the resolution, or to avoid an investigation as searching as anybody desired to make. Whatever appearance there has been of a victory over the Administration is due to the officiousness of Conkling, Morton, Sherman, and their carpet-bag followers, who ought to be notified, if they have not already been, that their self-constituted championship is a damage to any well-regulated Administration.

THE PROPOSED REFORM IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Nine years ago next Monday, to-wit, on the 1st of January, 1863, President Lincoln inaugurated the greatest reform which America has seen, by the issue of his Proclamation of Emancipation. On the ninth recurring anniversary of that holiday, President Grant has promised to inaugurate a reform, which, if faithfully carried out, will be second in magnitude only to that which wiped the stain of slavery from the nation's escutcheon. We allude, as will be readily understood, to the proposed reform of the Civil Service.

The report of the Commission presided over by Mr. Curtis, which we published in full a few days ago, will be found a very satisfactory document. It reveals, to be sure, many very startling facts concerning the present condition of our Federal service; but it suggests with sufficient clearness certain measures which will certainly tend to purify our political machinery, and, if executed in good faith, will accomplish a great deal of good. The chief aim of the Commission has been, after ascertaining what are the actual faults of our Civil Service, to devise the simplest, most effective, and least revolutionary means for their correction. Their chief effort has been to "baffle political pressure" in the bestowal of appointments to office or employment in the Federal departments. To "baffle political pressure" in its constant and insidious endeavors to oust worthy men from their places under the government, and to foist unworthy men therein, is to elevate at once the moral and intellectual standard of qualification for the service; to raise, at the same time, the standard of effort on the part of the public's servants; to make the profession of these functionaries a badge of honor to them, rather than a reproach; to render the President and his heads of departments directly responsible to the people for the honesty and efficiency of their several departments; to relieve legislation from many of its present embarrassing and corrupting influences, and place it ultimately in the hands of a far higher class of men than the majority of those in whom the work ings of the spoils system have now placed it; to save to the government much of the revenue which it now loses through dishonest or incapable officials; to hand back the custody of the fountain head of government—the polls and primaries—to the people themselves, instead of the mercenary classes who make their living by it; and to relieve our country from the shame of the spectacle which it now presents every four years, and in a somewhat less degree every two years, of a disgraceful scramble for plunder, at the White House and at the Capitol. Accordingly, it is to the "baffling of political pressure" that the Commissioners have chiefly addressed themselves, partly in spite of the discouragements which the late Attorney General was able to heap up in his opinion of last summer.

To this end the Commission has given the existing system a thorough overhauling, and has availed itself of the systems of the best governed European countries—especially England and Switzerland—as models suitable for imitation, combination in some respects, and of improvement in others, for the system which they recommend. It will be generally admitted, we think, that the labor of the Commission has developed more tangible and desirable results than could have been expected when they first assembled at Washington, and that they have prohibited our existing Civil Service to the public in a condition more susceptible of reform than the majority even of the Civil Service reformers believed it to be.

Nor will the public fail to ascribe to President Grant the credit which will be due to him when he shall have carried out, in good faith, the promises which he makes in his message accompanying the report. The rules recommended by the Commission subject all officers of the Civil Service, except those whose titles are ambiguous, to a competitive examination, and an arrangement into groups and classes, which, if the rules are faithfully carried out, will remove almost entirely the political pressure which has of late influenced all appointments. These exceptions are:

Heads of Departments, Assistant Secretaries of Departments, Assistant Attorney General, and First Assistants of the Postmaster General, Solicitor of the Treasury, Naval Solicitor, Solicitor of Internal Revenue, Examiner of Claims in the State Department, Treasurer of the United states, Register of the Treasury, First and Second Comptroller of the Treasury, Judges of United States Courts, District Attorneys, the Private Secretary of the President, Ambassadors and other public Ministers, Superintendent of the Coast Survey, Director of the Mint, Governors of Territories, Special Commissioners, Special Annual Visiting Examining Boards, persons appointed to positions without compensation for services, despatch agents, and bearers of despatches.

To this list of officers and employes exempt from the rules of examination, probation, etc., are to be added Postmasters and a few subordinates of certain bonded officers, who, being responsible to the government for moneys committed to their charge, must be allowed to choose those who have the handling of the moneys for which they, the principals, are bound. So far, however, as the great army of department employes at Washington, Custom House pensioners at New York, San Francisco, etc., revenue officials and hangers-on throughout the length and breadth of the land are concerned, the rules submitted by the Commission are according to the President's promise, to be applied in all appointments made after the 1st day of January, 1872. If the President had done further, and applied the plan of the Commission to all present incumbents, through the various departments, bureaus, and outlying strongholds of political corruption as rapidly as possible, without disturbing the public business, he would have won thereby a larger claim to popularity. But if the people can see that the present evil system is in the course of ultimate extinction, and that, as death, resignation, and removal weed out the incompetents, the parasites, the mere political favorites, the products of the corrupt caucus system, a new and better class shall take their places under a tenure bounded by good behavior, they will be content.

Dr. Livingstone, the African traveller, is again in trouble, and all England is agitated on his account. This time he is shut in somewhere between the sea coast and Lake Tanganzika, wherever that is. It is now proposed to send out an armed expedition after him. Would it not be well, considering the fact that Dr. Livingstone is continually getting into trouble, continually losing his way, continually picking up a fuss with the natives, continually dying and coming to life again, and continually lacerating our feelings, that as soon as he is rescued he shall be brought to England and put under bonds to keep out of Africa? He is making more fuss than all the other travellers in Africa combined, and what little he accomplishes does not compensate for the trouble he makes.

Mr. Alfred Yaple publishes, in the Cincinnati *Commercial*, a long letter, giving "the true basis of party organization and action." He insists that the Republican and Democratic parties have performed their respective missions, and that, as now constituted, they are mere organizations to control and enjoy official emoluments. He advises the reorganization of parties, and lays down a platform upon which, in his judgment, such new organization would be successful, and suggests the names of W. S. Groesbeck, of Ohio, and Gratz Brown, of Missouri, as fitting candidates for President and Vice President. Mr. Yaple writes from the standpoint of a Democrat who is forced to the confession that the longer existence of that party can produce no good, and as long as it exists will serve to perpetuate abuses in the Republican organization. There must be parties in the country. So long as the country regards the Democratic party as an unmitigated evil, so long the Republican party must have almost unopposed control of the Federal and State governments, and so long will the faction of that party in office be able to dictate terms to the country. The reorganization of the Democratic party under a new name will not satisfy the American people. The only present hope of political reform is in the Republican party. The great bulk of the people are straightforward and honest; they thoroughly understand the cause of all existing evils; but, so long as they have no escape except by taking Democratic rulers, they prefer to endure their present afflictions. But if the Democratic party would formally abandon its organization,—if it would dissolve, leaving the people free to purify the Republican party of the self-constituted dictators and agents of monopolies, who direct and control, to a large extent, its organization,—the work would not only be done effectually but speedily.

The Agricultural Congress which has recently been in session at Selma, Ala., is beginning to assume an important position in the material reorganization of the South. The object of this Congress is to combine the agricultural against consolidating and monopolizing interests, to promote the industry of the South, and to introduce skilled labor. How this is to be accomplished remains to be seen, as the proceedings of this Congress have yet to come to its proposed operations, beyond the consolidation of county and township organizations into a compact whole. Of the necessity of such a combined movement there can be little doubt, as in every State of the South, except Alabama, agricultural industry is not only not self-supporting, but, on the other hand, agricultural resources are steadily diminishing, and the land is all the time becoming less productive.

PERSONAL.

A Pittsburgh undertaker refused to screw the coffin lid over the body of a woman whom he was sent to bury, until a physician other than the one who had attended her, should pronounce her to be dead. His scruples were overcome, and the coffin, he discovered her to be warm. A second physician pronounced her dead, and the funeral procreased.

—Fred Snedeker took such an interest in educational matters that he issued $8,000 worth of spurious Allcock's school bonds and sold them to a New York broker.

—A lawyer hung out his shingle in Gowanus, L. I., for two years, and then left, as he had only one case in all that time, and that was inflammatory rheumatism, and nearly killed him.

—George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia *Ledger*, has just moved into his new mansion, corner of Walnut and Twenty-third streets, said to be the finest private residence in the world.

—The "Heathen Chinee" prides himself on paying all his debts at the beginning of each year, and places over his door an emblem that he is square with the world. This custom prevails throughout the Empire, and must be complied with to secure a good financial standing.

—The only man who writes M. C. as both ends of his name is not Hon. M. C. Kerr, formerly of Congress from the Second District of Indiana.

—The Quincy (Ill.) *Whig* of Dec. 27 says: "We regret to learn from Mr. Leib, who has just returned from Kansas City, that the little boy found at that place, a few days ago, was not his son. Mr. Leib being a Democrat in Kansas City, congratulated over the prospect of the restoration of his missing child, but only to meet bitter disappointment in finding a little boy wholly unlike his own."

—In Danville, Ill., live a man and wife named Davidson, who are the parents of a child, now over five weeks old, which weighs but two pounds. Its length is seven inches, and its face about the size of a watch crystal. Its tiny arms are so slender that a small finger-ring can be slipped on either of them. Its mother is very lonesome, as she is already making quite a noise in its part of the world, and hundreds have called to see it. The parents are of standard size.

—Hosea Bigelow, a well-known conductor on the Peoria & Rock Island Railway, died very suddenly at Bushnell, Illinois, on Monday morning. His remains were sent to his home at Columbus, Ohio. His family is of the highest respectability and standing. He was about 48 years of age, and formerly had a very high reputation as a railroad man. He leaves a wife and several children.

—Miss Lucy V. Collins, formerly a leading young lady in Quincy society, recently died at Galveston Bay, Texas.

—During the progress of his lecture in East Boston recently, the Rev. Mr. Cudworth quoted from Longfellow's "Hiawatha," and was rebuked by a couple in his own church at that hour, and asked for fifteen minutes' leave of absence. The organist improved the time by playing the Wedding March, and on Mr. Cudworth's return the lecture was resumed.

—Charles Cowell, of Boston, whose special mission is the relief of consumptives by providing a place where their last hours can be spent pleasantly and peacefully, has carried out George Muller's "faith plan" with such success that he has bought and paid for a fine home, with eleven acres of land, in the county of Norfolk. The grounds cost $60,000, and the present buildings about $30,000, and the Doctor desires to spend $60,000 more in enlarging and improving them. The work is wholly one of faith, the amount given since the work began having been $142,000. The number of patients received since opening is fifty-seven.

—Mrs. Lydia S. Hall, who is acting United States Treasurer in the absence of the male chief, was once a Lowell factory girl, and was a contributor to the famous *Lowell Offering*, over the *nom de plume* of "Adelaide." The Lowell *Courier* says: "Miss Hall has been a missionary to the Cherokees, and in border ruffian days lived in Kansas, where she was a considerable owner of real estate. Meeting with some misfortune in regard to titles of property, she went to Washington, and has held a clerkship in the Treasury Department since, being also engaged in studying law in order to enable her to secure her right to her property in Kansas, which she will no doubt do, and return to that State, unless she gets into the Cabinet. She is a lady of great versatility of talent, and would fill even a higher position than the one she now occupies with credit."

—In the accounts which have been published of the inauguration of the statue of Schiller at Berlin, says the *Athenæum*, some erroneous statements have been made as to the descendants of the poet. He left one son and one daughter; the latter, who is still alive, married Count Von Gleichen, whose son it was who was present at the uncovering of the monument. Berlin Schiller's son was twice married, and by his first wife there is one son living, namely, Baron Fritz von Schiller, a retired officer in the Austrian service, who was prevented by indisposition from attending the ceremonial in Berlin. The present Baron von Schiller is married to the daughter of Colonel Alberti, of Stuttgard. There are no children by this union, and with the decease of the present Baron, who is in very bad health, the name of Schiller will be extinct.

—A New York letter says: "A church is to be established in this city on the first Sunday of the coming year, under the pastoral charge of Rev. Cora Tappan, the wife of General Tappan, who commanded the New Mexican Brigade during the war, who served on the Indian Peace Commission, and who was, for many years, a newspaper correspondent, connected with the New York *Tribune* and other papers. Rev. Mrs. Tappan was formerly Mrs. Cora L. Hatch, and subsequently Mrs. Cora Daniels, and was well known throughout the country as a Spiritual medium of the 'inspirational' order. She is said to be possessed of a highly poetical and ornamental style of eloquence; and though she is not the medium of Demosthenes, like Mrs. Woodhull, she is said to be the medium of twelve departed rhetoricians, who all understood oratory quite as well as Demosthenes. The Rev. Mrs. Burleigh, Rev. Miss Greeves, Rev. Mrs. Howe, Rev. Miss Offspath Brown, and a number of other reverend ladies, will have the honor of assisting at the ordination of Rev. Mrs. Tappan, who is the author of a volume of poetry, lately published, entitled 'Hesperia,' evidently not inspired by Milton, Pope, or Byron."

WASHINGTON.

Notes at Random.

The Civil Service Paper—George William Curtis.

Trumbull and Tipton in Debate—Logan, Etc.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.

Paymaster General Brice, in whose department Hodge committed the great defalcation, has properly been retired without discredit, and this keeps such things from happening again in his department. Now let General Spinner, who has been robbed four or five times, and whose spectacles might be taken off his nose without his cognizance, also go the way of all garrulous supernumeraries in order that we may not forget what he was once worth in the more vivid admonition that he is now out of use.

GRANT ON REFORM.

The President sends in a message commending the Civil Service report, before he has read the recommendations of the Commissioners.

This haste has been uncharitably supposed to have been compelled by the fatal character of the debate in the Senate on the Committee of Retrenchment. Trumbull, Schurz, Sumner, Logan, Patterson, and Tipton—perhaps the most formidable coalition of active intellects that has been seen these many years on the same side—had run down Morton, Sherman, and that set, and the whole press of the country had denounced as a blunder, and worse, the attempt to stave off investigation. As the Civil Service paper is a large feature of the exposures of this administration, the President's monitors urged him to close the issue by an immediate message, anticipating the report of the Curtis Board.

WHAT IS THOUGHT.

There are two kinds of feeling on this matter. One is to give Grant credit for whatever he has done in favor of a responsible, non-partisan clerical force.

Another feeling is, that the healthful and spreading agitation for the total recovery of executive offices from the clutches of politicians must not be allowed to be suspended by any partial interest or cunning compromise from the Administration, proposed at the eleventh hour, on the eve of a Presidential election, and, after more than three years of unparalleled corruption and instability of Civil Service. The mind of the country is already warmed up on this subject; and to dissipate the popular indignation by patching up a few appointments which Congress will not respect, and which, after all, is dependent upon the Executive will, will be to keep the word of promise to the ear and break it to the hope.

ON CURTIS.

Mr. George W. Curtis, the head of the outgoing Commission, is very respectable, considerate and well-intended literary gentleman, fond of affairs, fond of recognition, and in a mild way, clever as well as faithful in style. The feminine points of character are well instanced in him. A gentle and friendly, effeteness marks him, by nature, and he belongs to that growing class of permanent sophomores who deprecate the processes which bolder men have to work out to the very ends which these amateurs prefer. There is a great deal of hard-knuckled work to be done in public life. Here are "fine" soft places in it. What the Quaker is to the Indian policy, Mr. Curtis is to the Civil Service. I always admired in this man's writing on "Jenkins." Eight or ten times a year he breaks out in a gentle, satirical bleat on "Jenkins." Who has paid so much attention to the delinquencies of Jenkins as this friend? Witness his "Potiphar Papers," and that pretty novel, "Trumps," where all the men seem to be in love with each other, and all the women belong to the better world. A gentle nature is not to be decried in literature, if gentle nature runs in the family of bolt or lightning. We can no more hit it than we can a woman, and, and yet it treats of the affairs of men like a woman talking politics.

THE GREAT DEBATE.

The debate on Trumbull's proposition to take away from the Committee of Retrenchment and clothe it with the necessary powers to ascertain the facts and the lesson of prevailing dishonesty in office, has been very disastrous to the Administration as an exhibition of its incompetent consumers.

These inconsiderate parasites of the Executive offices—not Senator Morton, who is always within his own body, and, rather than see a fellow-Senator stricken down, would see ten Presidents rebuked at the polls—these extensions of the Executive arm, the frequent hinges of the Senate, having set on fool within the last year a series of measures disgraceful to the Senate, to Kansas City, and to rush into the breach and stop inquiry into the operations of the arm of which they formed a limb, simply because it was open to no such thing as a previous question to be called in the Senate. Debate goes on until mutually consent that it shall terminate. It was cruelty to animals to see Morton swing his cancus sledge, and John Sherman pipe in at the young fellow's back with "and Tipton—perhaps Edmunds play the magpie, and old Father Nye slouch in with his Scriptural quotations, and Senator Conkling ponder over some sentence malignant enough to suit his passion, while every moment they got in deeper and deeper, and made their case worse. In this debate Tipton, the presumptuous overseer of the Senate for the President, experienced his tumble from the hands of Trumbull, who

Thrashed him from the nave to the chaps,
And set his head upon the buttresses.

Old Mr. Nye has gone around the Senate for some time, doing the bareback feat, under the assumption of a great deal and playing the conspirator without apparent intention, like Count Fosco, who waddled, and smiled, and cigarettes, while engaged upon very dark business. Schurz turned to this old jester and unravelled him, very much as if a four would take a lie from an antipoditical Bible, and find within the covers quite a different sort of reading matter. Nye has not been heard of since.

OLD TIP.

Perhaps the greatest treat of the day is to hear Tipton speak. This man is by far the ablest debater in the Senate. Without logic he is a ready debater, uttering sentences as crisp and sparkling as the ablest man about. His very mistakes are marked in an undescribable grimness of humor which makes everybody but the injured object delighted. If you can put yourself in the position of a Spaniard who loves the bull-fight, and can see the bull struck without a sense of sympathetic pain, you can appreciate the way in which Tipton's sallies tell upon spectators. He always manages to say in full what other Congressmen merely hint at and forebore. How apt is his description of Grant as an "infant lectual colloquist" of Newman, the Chaplain, as the "Ecclesiastical eclytone." How hearty was his denunciation of the "bummers" who had been active in the Civil Service, when he said, "When I look back and see the manner in which I assisted to direct the public patronage, I stand amazed at the fact that I could ever have consented to it. "His description of Senators who have lived heretofore, apparently, for no other purpose than having no visible means of occupation, except sending for persons and papers," resenting the present committee" was particularly good. His description of Morton's speech as "so much for declamation and so much for the prairies and the intelligent men in that back country," brought down roars of laughter. Tipton is a quaint, thin spectacled man, a clergyman, and until of late, has not been much of an object in the Senate; but it is a strong exemplification of the power of individual character and talent to develop when not rolling in the tides of party. To see this genial old man from the frontiers step forward among the finest lights of the age, and hurl his indignation upon the abuses of the time, and make himself felt and others think.

LOGAN.

The Illinois Senator John Logan, has also made the impression upon that numerous body of the Legislature, and himself and colleague are on the happiest social and political terms. Their chivalrous considerations for each other was well attested by Logan rising in caucus the other day, when Trumbull was absent, and sounding a trumpet-tone of generous defence for him. The fact is that no State in the Union has a more effective delegation in the Senate at present than Illinois. It will bear the fullest comparison with the delegations of Massachusetts and Connecticut, which are the best. It ranks, and perhaps outranks, any Senatorial delegation known here for many years. Logan is truly at home when on independent personality, and not working under the heavy responsibilities of ordinary party allegiance. He won his spurs in the House when he turned out Whittemore and the cadet-sellers. Trumbull said to me, a week ago, that Logan was the most congenial and best colleague he had ever had in the Senate during his long service; and yet the Senate was where those men were not in harmony. How mean are associations of interest and party service under the most favorable circumstances, when the equal and noble friendships of independent men supporting each other, when the cohorts of power seek to break them down! The sublime part of the Republican party, and the best there ever was of it, is now arrayed against the supersericeable creatures of the Executive. GAHL.

Ocean Currents.

Dr. William Carpenter, of the British Royal Society, has recently made an interesting statement that the Gulf Stream does not affect the climate of England and Western Europe. He claims that the difference between the temperatures of places in the same latitude, on opposite shores of the Atlantic is due to the fact that the climate temperature of the eastern shore of North America is abnormal, rather than that of the western coast of Europe and its flanking islands. The following abstract of his remarks on the subject will be of interest:

It is well known that, about half way across the Atlantic, the Gulf Stream divides into two portions. The largest volume turns to the south, and then bends round to the west, forming the Sargossa Sea, so well known to mariners. This part of the stream does not approach Europe near enough to sensibly affect its climate. The smaller current spreads itself into a shallow surface stream, and intermediates with the colder currents which flow from the north, before reaching the shores of Europe, so that its heating effect can be but small. The higher temperature of the British Isles and Norway is due to an under-current that flows northward from the coast of Spain; while the extreme cold of Labrador and Newfoundland, and other places on the western coast of the Atlantic, results from a cold current from the North that holds its place on the surface till it reaches the Carolinas. To account for the northward flow, he refers to the well-known phenomenon that, while, in freezing, fresh water contracts only to a temperature of 39½ degrees, salt water continues to contract till it reaches 27 degrees. The contraction in the polar regions from this cause will tend to form a depression in those parts, into which the adjacent waters will flow, and this flow will be continuous, because the cooling process is incident to the disturbance, combined with the evaporation in the equatorial regions, will give rise to a constant flow of warm surface water northward, and a corresponding southward flow of cold under-current. He also thinks that the records of sea-soundings already made give strong indications in support of the view that the depths of the Atlantic are higher in temperature required by this theory, and local departures from this general condition may be explained by other disturbing causes.

These views of Dr. Carpenter received a strong endorsement from Sir William Hersehel just previous to the death of the latter. It is understood that the British Government is making arrangements for deep-sea soundings on a more extensive scale than have yet been made, and these new researches will undoubtedly throw much additional light on the interesting subject of Dr. Carpenter's investigations.

Land Titles.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Your paper, either editorially or by its correspondents, has presented to the public two, and only two, things to be done by the Legislature, to which no objection has been taken, because none can be taken:

First—Shorten our present seven-year limitation laws to three or five years. This alone can be made to perfect all the titles to land in this county, that every person who has had good title in possession (and this is the case with a great majority) can re-record the same. Those whose bad deeds have been destroyed can, in most cases, procure quit claim deeds, either from their immediate or more remote grantors or their heirs, and these will constitute a "new chain of claim" of fifteen years' possession (and three or five years' payment of taxes), with or without possession, perfects the title.

Second—Appoint a Commission composed mainly of experienced abstract makers, to compile one set of corrected and systematized books from the records, by reference to which all the titles to every piece of land in the county. Deposit the same in the Recorder's office, and make a manner as to contain all the information now contained in all the sets (and, if it did not contain all, it would be of little value), and in a form convenient for reference, the owners of the existing abstract-books would become almost entirely valueless.

How he said that the confidence of the public in the Recorder's office is now full and reliable than any one of the separate sets remaining in the hands of their present owners,—and which act would (according to the proposed plan) be the official record and admissible in evidence, while there is no provision that the papers remaining in the hands of the abstract-owners should be so received—be thrown open to the examination of the public, would cost all the employes of these abstract-men, who are qualified to make examinations of title, set up in the business at once; and would they not very soon be compelled to the public sufficiently to secure fairly competent with their former employers?

I fully concur with the writer of said letter in his objection to such legislation as would compel a person to the Courts of Chancery to establish the evidence of title. In a letter published over my name in THE TRIBUNE I gave an estimate of the cost of such a resort to the courts, in the aggregate estimate being the startling amount of twelve millions of dollars. How small, compared with such an amount, is any State tax that would be demanded by their owners for the abstract-books. All can afford and more assured by the confidence which the public continue to place in those books that were they to become the property of the county, nearly all our titles would be placed beyond question by the evidence contained in them, and all clouds would be removed. The real estate business would be immediately revived.

I have heard the details of a plan proposed by a gentleman well known to the business community, and which appears to me to be entitled to careful consideration by which the county, after purchasing these books, would preside for the benefit of the public, not without impropriety, much, if any, cost upon the property of the county.

Such plan will probably be laid before the County Commissioners, if the cost should appear to be a matter of importance to the public.

CHARLES E. SIMMONS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.

—The people of Ayer, Mass. have risen in rebellion against the miserable quality of the gas furnished them. The corporation publishes a card in which it is stated that the trouble has arisen from an "unprecedented overnight," a fact of optical phenomena curious enough to account for anything.

THE McCOY MYSTERY.

A Partial Solution Thereof by the Coroner's Jury.

The Woman Ascertained to Have Died from the Effects of Abortion.

No Evidence Showing Where or by Whom the Crime was Perpetrated.

The Parties Under Arrest Discharged from Custody.

The Coroner's investigation into the circumstances attending the death of Mrs. Amanda E. McCoy, the supposed victim of abortion, was resumed yesterday forenoon at the First Precinct Police Station. The case had excited much comment throughout the city, and the results of the inquest have been looked forward to with more than usual interest. It had been generally expected that the parties under arrest would be implicated, the connection with the affair having been such as to warrant the steps taken by the police authorities to bring to light the details of what had the appearance of being a terrible crime, with attendant circumstances more than ordinarily harrowing. The finding of the Coroner's jury, after a long and patient investigation, but partially solves the mystery, showing clearly that abortion had been produced, but failing to discover the guilty parties. Entering upon the case with a strong conviction that the police had been successful in arresting the perpetrators, the jury were reluctant to abandon that conviction, and only did so through lack of evidence connecting the deed with its authors.

TESTIMONY OF DR. MILLER.

The first witness examined was Dr. Ben C. Miller, the County Physician, who testified to having made a *post-mortem* examination, in which he found the brain, heart, and lungs in a healthy condition. The liver was normal in size, but presented the appearance of slight fatty degeneration. The spleen was slightly enlarged, but normal in structure. The kidneys were healthy. The peritoneum, or inner membrane of the abdomen, was inflamed and covered with pus; principally about the uterus and the cavity of the pelvis, where there was a collection of about half a pint of pus. The uterus and appendages were inflamed, and the organ enlarged, measuring five and one-half inches in length, three and one-half inches in breadth, and one and one-half inches in thickness; the normal size being about three inches by two, inches by one inch and one inch in thickness. The cavity of the uterus was lined with discolored pus, and, on careful examination of the lining membrane, an orifice was found between the attachment of an after-birth. Near the mouth of the uterus, and on the posterior wall, were two small openings, one of which admitted a probe, apparently made before death. Death was caused by metro-peritonitis, complicated by hæmorrhage, taken place at a recent date, and the fœtus was not of full growth when removed.

In answer to a question from the jury as to whether there were any indications of an abortion having been produced, Dr. Miller stated that the evidences of such were found in the abrasions mentioned, adding that he did not think that there could have been any artificial means employed as an instrument. Women frequently used instruments for that purpose, without recourse to a doctor. The existing abrasions might have been produced from accidental miscarriage, but the abrasions could hardly have been accidental. He had examined the fœtus, and found no marks of violence, obstructions, which might have given as the cause of death in the case of a miscarriage.

TESTIMONY OF CATHERINE SCHADEL.

Catharine Schadel, of No. 146 West Madison street, testified that she was a friend of Mrs. Schadel (witness' husband) asked witness if he could keep the child two days, as Mrs. Schadel could not keep her in the house; don't keep a boarding house; have but one bed; told her that she knew a woman on Sixteenth-st., Pahlbusch; and was sure she could stay there a few days; her knew Mrs. Pahlbusch; knew those days; she is a midwife; the lady showed no signs of pregnancy, and said nothing about such a condition; went with Mrs. Schadel to Mrs. Pahlbusch's house; Mrs. F. did not want to keep her, but finally consented to share her room with the lady; Mrs. Schadel was then looking very cold and sick; didn't take her to Mrs. Pahlbusch on that account; didn't know that Mrs. Pahlbusch was in the habit of taking in lodgers; Mrs. Schadel said the lady was an acquaintance; on Tuesday morning, the 26th inst., Mrs. Pahlbusch came to witness' house, and said that the woman was awful sick with the "liver and heart sickness;" witness went over; the lady was lying with a shawl over her head; never before took of or asked a woman to go to Mrs. Pahlbusch's; never knew Mrs. F. to do any thing but the practice of midwifery.

TESTIMONY OF DR. SHERMAN.

Dr. Julius S. Sherman testified that his office is at No. 98 State street; was called to attend Mrs. McCoy on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at about the hour of 2 p. m.; made no memorandum of the visit, which was a charitable one; the woman is not rational. She complained of pain in the epigastric region, or the region of the liver and stomach, and vomited frequently; had no uterine trouble, whether she had any pain; she denied any such pain or difficulty, but said that she had had such trouble in the morning. The same thing was asserted by ——, the attendant. Made no further examination of the patient, save his usual hypodermic injection of morphine, and gave a prescription of calomel and morphine pills. This was between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Left the house until the next day's call in the afternoon, when she was in a dying condition. Ordered, from the vehemence of the questioning, that the cause of her death was calculous obstruction of the bowels. Found it very difficult to accurately diagnose such a case; in case of an abortion there would have been other symptoms than those exhibited; would have found a tumor abdomen to see if there was any soreness, the patient told him everything was all right in that respect. Was not surprised; would not have been proper to have pursued the examination under other circumstances; death might occur within three days after the abortion; would not be likely; in examining the patient between four and five days, to lead to the supposition that an abortion had been performed; all questions pertaining to the uterus, abdomen, and bladder were so firmly denied by the patient that the witness was not led to suspect an abortion or miscarriage.

TESTIMONY OF ADOLPH SCHADEL.

Adolph Schadel (husband of Mrs. Schadel) testified that he knew "Billy" Shorb, who was in the habit of stopping at his saloon on the Stock-yards & Fort Wayne Railroad; last saw Mrs. McCoy alive about dinner time on Tuesday, Dec. 26, at No. 363 State street; she had left the boarding-house; she had left word that he could tell Shorb a few minutes after ward, standing in the depot, waiting for the train; Shorb came, and he went away, and saw no more of the corpse; Shorb a few minutes after ward, standing in the depot, waiting for the train; Shorb said he had not come to the house when the corpse was taken away.

A FABULOUS DEPONENT.

Mary P. Raymond, of No. 361 State street, Room 14, testified that she is a sewing woman; has been there three weeks; rented the room of Mrs. Pahlbusch; she is a lady's dentress; she goes to their residence; knew Mrs. McCoy; knew the lady there but Mrs. McCoy, who died on witness' bed; Doctor take there became her room was same; she was at the house two days and a half; her cousin came after she died and brought some clothes for her; her cousin's name

ETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 28.

...summary of the statements of the National ...ity, published in this column Wed... ...ber, showed that on October 26 they held ...loans, Clearing House checks, and ...s from Treasury to secure circulation) to ...amount equal to 84 5 per cent of their deposits. ...of December 16 to an aggregate amount ...ing 92 per cent of their deposits. In view ...s the public will naturally revert ...ously to the "fifteen per cent reso... passed at the bankers' meeting prior to ...ing of the banks on the 17th of Octo... they had, on the average, so large a per... of their deposits in available cash means, ...ably have resolved to pay no little ...ional interest is that the bankers ...ionally scared lost there ...e a "run," and the "fifteen per ...ity is now generally ...ed to be a mistake. To some ex... ...ing been a mistake. To some ex... ...t is true, but the action of the banks ...t has not demonstrated that at ...n time? The banks did similarly unrel... ...ghout a third of the country, which ...ed to no loss, or, which about ...e for in banks in the country. They ...ed to no loss of actual cash on hand. One ...ank in the city of New York, and one ...ank in the city of Boston, failed to open ...ir doors at the usual hours of clocks for the Clearing House. ...ctors, it was believed, would ...ed by the mere existence of such ...ity, but if they had not yet... ...ed to put it, they would not yes... ...ay large amount of money on their ...e. The existing condition of ...

...e would be obliged to leave a large ...ount of it in the care of bankers who had ...special provisions for the safe keeping of ...ir funds. The country bankers to whom ...ey were due should draw for it, the ...y would be obliged to draw on New ...k to the extent of their ...ent. If it once became ...n that an amount would be drawn ...ly from New York equal to the entire ...ount of deposits, the panic would ...ly have started there it would ...ly have swept through the financial world ...ing and wrecking right and left ...ile it finally all the bankers viewed ...

The turn which events should ...ve taken almost entirely on the action of ...ssely solid depositing banks. Had ...depositors were not there, at first, ...ly with, and the could tell what they ...ld get finished up in city and ...ry without a cent of money, except ...y happened to have in their pockets. ...y half of them believed that all the ...ey had on hand was burned up, and that ev... was broke. To those it was necessary ...ow that of course they should ...ed to draw out their whole deposit, ...ving the remainder to wait until the ...ks could get over, and to also assure all de... both in city and country, that no one ...d question should draw out more than ...t half of them should ...d to draw out their whole deposit, ...ving the remainder to wait until the ...ks could get over. As in three months ...ost the bankers adopted the 15 per ...ion, in a day or two after it had ...pted the panic was at an end. ...d to secure the banks here that they ...d draw out their deposits here, and with ...ssurance of getting their money on ...e of rescinding the resolution at once. ...o 3 opened at 4 o'clock, and closed ...

...ere was a consequence of a falser supply for several ...ys past at the usual other points. It is not sup... ...posed that the hog crop is exhausted, but a ...great many operators are inclined to think that ...there are comparatively few ...ed, though the larger points will be again well ...supplied after the holidays, the receipts for ...will have closed up. The last few days have ...ably proved to be a far more important item in the ...aggregate than heretofore. Great numbers of ...hogs have been packed this winter in Wisconsin ...at places which have never packed before, and ...lie so near to the lumbering regions that those ...products will go to supply the markets which ...have depended on Chicago in past years. Of ...are few who seem to think of this. The demand ...to-day was largely but principally speculative, for ...pork and lard, which were materially ...stronger than meats, in consequence. The ...market closed at the following range of quo...tations: Mess pork, cash or seller the month, ...$18.25; do seller January, $18.20@18.25; do seller ...February, $18.30@18.60; do seller March, $18.70@ ...18.90; seller April, $14.10@14.15. Lard, cash or seller ...the month, $8.07½; do seller January, $8.45; do seller ...February, $8.90; do seller March, $9.02½. Green ...meats at 5½@6c for shoulders; 6½@6¾c for short ...ribs; 6¾@6¾c for short clear; and 6¾@6¾c for hams. ...Dry salted meats at 4¾c for shoulders; 6¼c for ...sweet pickled hams, 6¾@6¾c for short ribs; 6¾c for short ...clear. Boxed meats 1/8@¼c higher than the above ...quotations for loose. Boxed Cumberlands, 6¼@ ...6¾c; sweet pickled hams, 7¾@7¾c; mess beef, $6.00@6.25; ...extra mess beef, $10.00; city tallow, 5½@5¾c. Sales ...were reported of 300 brls mess pork at $18.20; ...1,000 brls do, seller January, at $18.30; 800 brls do, ...seller February, at $18.60; 1,000 brls do, seller ...April, at $14.10; 500 tcs lard, seller January, at ...$8.42½@8.42½; 250 tcs do (last evening), at $8.45; ...500 tcs do, seller February, at $8.90; 500 tcs do at ...$8.87½; 500 tcs do at$8.85; 350 tcs do at $8.90; ...2,000 pcs green hams at 15c; 40,000 lbs do at 15c; ...20 boxes shoulders at 6½c; 30 boxes short ribs at ...6½c; 100,000 lbs do, buyer January, at 6¾c; 50,000 ...lbs do, buyer February, at 6¾c; 50 boxes short clear at ...6¾c; 100 boxes Cumberlands at 6¾c; 20 boxes short clear ...at 6¾c; 100 boxes do at 6¾c; 200 boxes lard for ...cash at 6¾c; 400 boxes do, seller January, at 6¾c; 40 ...pkgs yellow grease, at 6¾c.

The wheat was again dull, and a shade easier ...in the hands of some holders. The local demand ...was very light; there was some inquiry for low ...grades on Southern account, but but little was ...taken as the stocks are small. Rail was also ...lower, quotable at $7.80@8.25. Sales were report... ...ed of 100 brls white winter extras (Magnolia) at ...$9.75; 50 brls do at $7.60; 30 brls spring extras at ...$6.00; 80 brls do (low) at $4.75; 100 brls spring ...superfines at $4.25; 20 brls buckwheat flour at ...$6.50; 100 brls rye flour at $5.00. Total, 380 brls. Also, ...10 tons bran at $15.50 on track.

Wheat was more active, and about 1@2c higher ...on cash, while options averaged the same prices ...as yesterday. Eastern advices were more favor... ...able, and there was a moderate demand to fill ...immediate wanting options, which made them ...firmer, while the more deferred options were a ...shade easier, with a good many sellers. The ...market for seller January opened at $1.19½, de... ...clined ½c, improved to $1.19, and closed at $1.18½. ...Seller the month or cash No. 2 closed $1.18½; ...No. 3 do $1.14½@1.15; No. 4 do $1.09½@1.10; seller Feb... ...ruary at $1.21@1.21½, and seller March at $1.24. ...Other grades were dull but firm. Cash sales ...were reported of 800 bu No. 1 spring at $1.19½; ...25,000 bu No. 2 spring at $1.18½; 3,500 bu do at $1.18; ...22,000 bu do at $1.18½; 400 bu No 3 spring ...at $1.14½; 400 bu do at $1.09; 400 bu do at $1.07½. ...Total, 52,500 bu.

Corn was active and 1@1c better, under a bet... ...ter speculative demand, based to the fact of in... ...creased business in New York, which was prob... ...ably due to the Liverpool advices received late ...yesterday. There was also a better feeling owing ...to the practical reform of the rules existing ...yesterday as to the regularity of receipts for cars ...outside the warehouses. The market for cash ...was 1@2c higher, and closed active and closed ...at 46@c. Seller January sold at 46@46¼c, and ...February at 41@41c, seller April at 42¼@42½, and ...seller May at 44@44½c. Cash sales were reported ...of 49,000 bu No. 2 at 46@46½c; 10,000 bu do at ...46c; 1,000 bu do at 46c; 1,200 bu rejected at 37½c. ...Total 123,000.

Oats were less active, and tolower, buyers hold... ...ing off, though New York was reported firmer. ...The market opened at 31c, and closed at 31c. ...Seller January, at $1.00, quoted at 31@31½c. Cash ...sales were reported of 1,500 bu at 31½c; 9,000 bu at ...31c; 2,500 bu at 31½c; 600 bu rejected at 28c; 600 ...bu white by sample at 32c delivered. Total, ...15,600 bu.

Rye was quiet and firm at yesterday's outside ...quotations. Sales were limited to 1,200 bu No. 2 ...at 65c.

Barley was quiet and steady at yesterday's ...prices. Seller January sold at 61½c; and seller ...February at 62½c. Cash sales were 2,500 bu No. 2 ...at 62c; 4,000 bu do at 60½c; 800 bu No. 3 at 48c; ...600 bu by sample at 75c. Total, 7,400 bu.

The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* says: The ...movement of flour and grain from the West ...through Buffalo, in 1871, has been immense. The ...receipts on grain have been larger than during ...any previous year on record, while the receipts ...of flour and grain, estimating four as wheat, ex... ...ceed those of any previous year, with the single ...exception of 1863, when all the Southern avenues ...of trade were closed in consequence of the war. ...The aggregate imports of flour and all kinds of ...grain, by lake, at Buffalo, for each year since ...1851, may be seen in the following statement:

Year ending	Flour, brls.	Grain, bushels.	Total flour and grain, bushels.
1851	1,553,384	11,000,000	17,753,384
1852	1,598,213	12,262,707	20,250,561
1853	975,567	11,999,141	15,906,268
1854	1,107,000	14,000,000	18,535,000
1855	998,741	19,766,673	24,772,371
1856	1,180,000	20,225,000	26,125,000
1857	1,000,000	20,000,000	25,000,000
1858	1,450,000	29,254,444	36,512,220
1859	1,500,000	30,000,000	37,500,000
1860	1,500,000	30,000,000	37,500,000
1861	1,112,728	31,441,440	37,005,112
1862	1,500,000	30,000,000	37,500,000
1863	2,446,973	60,547,544	72,871,954
1864	2,978,000	49,846,000	64,735,000
1865	2,000,000	40,000,000	50,000,000
1866	1,708,242	42,624,238	51,413,450
1867	1,917,000	47,925,000	57,585,000
1868	1,417,788	40,000,000	47,088,940
1869	1,524,919	42,672,125	50,197,715
1870	1,406,000	41,000,000	48,030,000
1871	1,678,913	49,206,613	57,777,604
1872	1,462,000	43,860,000	51,172,000
1873	1,241,000	37,230,000	43,275,000

...By adding to the above aggregate for 1871 the ...amount received by the Lake Shore & Michigan ...Southern Railway, from Jan. 1 to and including ...Dec. 16, which will be near enough for the aver... ...age of the total Western movement of flour and ...grain has passed through Buffalo this year. The ...receipts of all kinds of grain, including flour as ...reduced, by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern ...Railway, since Jan. 1, were 34,401,841 bushels. ...The total imports of cereals at Buffalo, since the ...opening of the lake season, have been 101,797,600 bushels. ...The total receipts of grain, including flour as ...reduced, at Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, ...Cleveland, and Duluth, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 16, ...were 135,461,146 bushels. The movement through ...Buffalo, therefore, was more than 75 per cent of ...the entire receipts at the two principal lake ports ...named.

The eastward movement of grain from this city ...by canal has also been unusually large. In the ...past year before in the history of our canals has ...so large an amount of grain been moved forward ...by water as has been this year. In the following ...exhibit of the exports of grain by canal for the ...past twenty-one years, we have omitted flour, as ...that trade has almost entirely left the canal for ...the rail ways:

Year.	Grain, bushels.	Year.	Grain, bushels.
1851	12,643,109	1861	53,206,973
1852	18,967,796	1862	45,694,151
1853	8,441,107	1863	37,000,000
1854	14,503,321	1865	37,003,914
1855	16,502,920	1866	41,317,670
1856	17,731,421	1867	39,000,000
1857	12,598,963	1868	41,000,000
1858	19,000,000	1869	29,000,000
1859	30,000,000	1870	29,000,000
1860	9,216,994	1871	39,421,841
1860	29,781,160	1871	46,286,491
1861	47,605,338		

...In addition to what has gone Eastward by canal ...this year, there has been shipped 25,271,540 bu by ...railway. This makes the total shipments from ...Buffalo for the year 75,221,040 bu, which is equal ...to 73 per cent of all the shipments of grain from ...Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo, and Duluth, from ...January 1 to December 16, 1871. Deducting the ...amount brought by railway, 8,374,540 bu were lake re... ...ceipts, and the remainder, 70,000,500 bu, came by ...rail.

The *World* gives the following summary of the ...receipts of live stock in New York for several ...years past:

Years.	Beeves.	Cows.	Veals.	Sheep.	Swine.
1859	309,000	7,000	27,562	546,000	257,000
1860	329,747	7,148	28,944	514,198	219,670
1861	317,000	7,000	27,000	500,000	200,000
1862	351,000	7,000	28,000	550,000	220,000
1863	391,672	6,701	34,172	616,312	1,052,156
1864	359,857	6,000	34,000	600,000	300,000
1865	376,000	6,000	40,000	600,000	300,000
1866	392,000	8,000	48,000	657,279	572,197
1867	421,000	8,000	50,000	1,026,551	577,000
1868	437,000	8,000	50,000	1,130,000	1,000,000
1869	391,000	8,339	49,000	1,015,311	978,473
1870	406,000	8,000	50,000	1,040,000	1,000,000
1870	395,277	8,317	114,771	1,459,950	760,620
1871	374,898	8,307	121,171	1,316,250	1,310,200

...WHICH THE BEEVES, CALVES AND SHEEP, LAMBS, ...SWINE, WERE RECEIVED AND YARDED DURING ...THE YEAR 1871.

	Beeves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Swine.
Weehawken	374,898	1,316,250	1,310,200
Communipaw and Jersey City	121,171	1,459,950	760,620
Communipaw	100,541	616,312	643,956
Fourth street	1,234	12,000	14,000
Forty-eighth street	670	3,000	20,000
Robinson street		27,417	27,000
Fifty-ninth street			1,000
Bergen	1,402		
Hoboken	2,250	272	2,000
Total	601,166	3,435,201	2,778,776

...Receipts yesterday for city consumption—1,041 ...cattle; 1,500 hogs; 1,200 sheep; 900 ...calves.

...Leading grain has been inspected into store ...in N. Buffalo this morning: 44 cars ...of corn; 11 cars oats; 23 cars rye; ...Total, 342 cars, or 127,000 bu.

...The markets were generally ...

...Cattle and provision were offered to-day, ...to be submitted by the Directors, in ...order to make arrangements for an equipment ...in addition to that furnished by the ...will be voted on to-morrow. It ...is proposed to increase the capital stock ...to $1,000,000. The entire amount ...to be "regular" coal receipts for ...available as other receipts. It is un... ...derstood that the intention is intended primar... ...ily to relieve the crib entirely of the coal ...trade, but it is counted in good ...part to be the germ of a partial ...Way, started the "regular" private ...yard silenced to the elevators' ...ing to go outside the elevators. ...Every slip-shod slaughterer here. That there ...have been no failures of consequence either ...among buyers or sellers may be attributed, next ...to good luck, that to good business management. ...Sharp, energetic commission salesmen have acted ...the careless buyers from bank-ruptcy and kept ...sales and prompt payments for profits and wind... ...skins have kept the feeble slaughterers from ...failure. For a considerable ...slaughterers were doing a losing business.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* of Dec. 26 says: The ...Reading Railroad Company, which entered on its ...business and financial year on the 1st inst., re... ...ports a total coal tonnage for the week ending on ...the 16th inst., of 99,31 tons, and for its entire ...business and financial year on the 1st inst., to ...the same date, 1,195,615 tons, against 1,264,476 ...tons in the corresponding time last year—a decrease ...of 68,861 tons. The Schuylkill Canal shipped for ...the same week 1,805 tons, and for the year to the ...same date 28,334 tons, against 34,476 tons in ...the corresponding time last year—a decrease of 6,142 ...tons. The Lehigh Valley Railroad, which also ...began its year of accounts on the 1st inst., reports ...a tonnage for the week ending on the 16th inst. of ...72,858 tons, and for the same time to the same ...date 1,166,000 tons, against 1,174,000 tons in ...corresponding date last year—a decrease of 8,000 ...tons. The following table will enable readers to ...test their business year compared with the calendar ...year, consequently continue their statements of ...seven weeks up to the end of this month. For the ...week ending on the 16th inst., the Delaware, ...Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company re... ...ports a tonnage of 81,370 tons, and for the year of ...1,085,578. Shipments, 2,250 tons; for the year, ...29,037 tons. Total tonnage for the week, 83,620 ...tons; for the year, 1,114,615 tons. The tonnage ...pending the change from Shamokin for the week was ...17,767 tons, and for the year 214,697 tons, against ...214,167 tons to the corresponding time last year, ...an increase of 530 tons. The shipments to ...New York Central Railroad of New Jersey for ...the week ending on the 16th inst. were 30,467 tons, ...and for the year 364,467 tons, against 364,671 tons ...to the corresponding time last year, a decrease of ...204 tons. The Susquehanna Coal Company re... ...ports a tonnage for the week of 18,305 tons, and ...for the year 218,844 tons, against 1,236,371 tons ...to the corresponding time last year, a decrease of ...17,527 tons. The Delaware & Hudson Canal Co. ...reports a tonnage for the week of 14,942 tons, and ...for the year, 1,194,466 tons, against 1,200,000 tons ...to same time last year, showing a decrease of ...5,534 tons. Adding to these reports the pro... ...duction of some other companies of small supply of ...coal, and deducting the tonnage on these railroad ...routes, we find the anthracite tonnage for the ...week ending with the 16th inst., amounted to ...144,668 tons, and for the year, to 2,644,000 tons, ...against 18,230,128 tons to the same date in 1870, a ...decrease of 15,586,128 tons in the tonnage of anthracite ...coal for the year. The tonnage of anthracite ...coal of 400,000 tons, and for the year 1,853,000 tons to accrue, leaving a ...decrease of 13,733,128 tons. The total of current year ...of all kinds of coal for the week was 117,070 tons, ...and for the year, 17,100,000 tons, against 17,287,703 ...tons to corresponding time last year, showing a ...decrease of 187,697 tons. The trade is nearly or ...quite over for this season. At a meeting of the ...Board of Arbitration of the Lehigh region, on the ...16th inst., it was unanimously agreed to continue ...the rates of wages paid in 1871 for January of ...1872. Coal prices are firm in all the large markets, but ...not quotably higher.

LATER.

There was absolutely no trading in produce in ...the afternoon. The markets were nominal at the ...closing prices on 'Change.

Chicago Daily Market.

THURSDAY EVENING, Dec. 28.

BUTTER—There was some activity, during the ...low grades, and prices, though nominally un... ...changed, were weak and irregular. For good to ...choice offerings there were buyers at full pre... ...vious rates. We make no change in our quo... ...tations, as follows: Choice dairy, 20@22c; fair to ...good fall and fresh, 14@16c; common grades, ...10@12c.

PACKING—Gunnis and wool sacks were firm ...er, prices advancing 1½c. Flour barrels, cash and ...unchanged. The general trade is dull. We ...now quote: Stark, 26c; Ontario, ...26c; Lewiston, 26c; Philadelphia, 25c; ...American, 25c; Minnesota, 20c; burlaps, ...9@11-4c2½c; gunnies, single, 13@15c; do double, ...24c; wool sacks, 60c.

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RICE—Rangoon, 7 1-2@7 3-4c; Carolina, 8@10c.

SUGARS—Hard sugars, 12 1-4@13 1-4c; A grade, ...12 3-4@13 1-4c; B do, 12 1-4@12 3-4c; XC do, 12 1-4@ ...12 3-4c; C do, 12@12 1-4c; choice brown, 10 3-4@ ...11 1-4c; fair do, 10@10 1-2c; New Orleans, 9 3-4@ ...10 1-4c; muscovado do, 9@10c.

SYRUPS—Diamond E, 31 1-2@32c; common molasses, ...30@31c; Porto Rico molasses, choice; good sugar ...house, 37@38c; Stella do, 34@35c; Lion syrup, 37@38c; ...drips, extra fine, 30@31c; New Orleans, 35@36c.

SPICES—Allspice, 10@12c; cloves, 18@19c; cassia, ...16@17c; pepper, 18@19c; nutmegs, $1.30@1.40.

SALTS—Peacock mottled, 3 3-4@4c; standard ...E 1-2@3 1-4c; German mottled, 3 1-4@3 3-4c; crushed, ...3 3-4@4c; brown Windsor, 4 1-4@4 3-4c; palm, 4 @ ...4 1-2c.

STARCH—Gloss, 3 3-4@5c; corn, 12@13 1-4c ...laundry, 4 1-2@ 7c; common, 3@4 1-2c.

HAY—Timothy is quiet and was noted in ...the hay market. A fair business was doing, both ...on local and shipping account, and ...the market rules steady. We repeat ...the following ...quotations: On track—Timothy, choice pressed, ...$11.00@12.00; do loose pressed, $10.00@11.00; ...do loose, $9.00@10.00; prairie, pressed, $9.00@ ...10.00; prairie, loose, $8.00@11.00; mixed, $8.00@ ...9.00; loose, $12.00@13.00; prairie, loose, $6.00 ...@7.00; baling hay, $5.00@6.00. Hay in ...bay, $1.00@1.50. For delivery of timothy, $1.00@1.50 ...according to distance.

HIDES—Remain quiet and easy. There was a ...moderate movement at the following range of ...prices: Green salted cured, light, 11 1-2c; do, ...heavy, 10 1-2c; green salted uncured, light, 9 1-2@ ...9 3-4c; do heavy, 8 1-2@9c; dry flint, 19@20c; ...dry salted, 15@16c; dry kip, 11 1-2@12c; dry calf, ...16c; green calf, 12c; dry calf, 26c; dry flint, lambs, 20c; ...dry salted, 16c; green salted, 12c; sheep pelts, ...scored, cut, or otherwise damaged, 1.50@1.75 ...each according to distance.

IRON AND STEEL—The market was quoted ...fairly active and steady at the subjoined prices:

Bar iron	4 @ 5
Horse-shoe iron	6 @ 7
Heavy band	4 @ 4½
Hoop and light band	5 @ 6
Oval	5 @ 5½
Round and square	5 @ 5½
Half oval and half round	5 @ 5½
Russia iron, perfect	19 @ 20
Russia No. 1, stained	14 @ 15
Russia No. 2, stained	11 @ 12
Sheet iron, galvanized	11 @ 12
Sheet iron, Juniata	9 @ 10
Sheet iron, common	7 @ 8
Nail rods	7 @ 8
Plow steel, German	7 @ 8
Plow steel, American	5 @ 6
Spring steel	5 @ 6
Tire steel	4 @ 5
Spring and tire steel	10 @ 11

LEATHER—Trade was more quiet ...Prices remain firm as given below:

HEMLOCK—City harness, sides, steers, ...harness, flanks, country harness, sides, ...heavy, sides, ...light, sides, ...upper, No. 1, per ft, ...upper, No. 2, per ft, ...calf, city upper, No. 1, per ft, ...calf, city upper, No. 2, per ft, ...calf, country upper, No. 1, per ft, ...calf, country, $1.10@1.25; ...kips, city, $1.25@1.45; ...calf, country, $1.10@1.25; ...kips, country, $1.00@1.20; ...rough upper, 14 to 18 lbs, ...rough upper, 18 to 24 lbs, ...rough, damaged, ...Buffalo slaughter ...

OAK—Slaughter sole, single, Philadelphia sole, ...harness, per lb, ...shoulder, No. 1, per lb, ...shoulder, No. 2, per lb, ...backs, No. 1, per lb, ...backs, No. 2, per lb, ...American calf, 15 lbs, ...French calf, 15 lbs, ...French calf, 25 lbs, ...French calf, 35 lbs, ...French calf, per doz, ...Lemoyne, per doz, ...French calf, Jodoz, ...

KIP AND CALF—The demand continues good and ...prices are steady. We quote:

First and second clear	$48.00@50.00
Second clear, 1 inch and upward	47.00@48.00
Third clear, 1 inch	37.00
Third clear, thick	40.00@42.00
First and second clear flooring, together	
Common flooring, dressed first	28.00@30.00
First and second clear siding, together	25.00@27.00
Common siding	20.00@21.00
Common flooring, dressed first	28.00@30.00
Common flooring, dressed second	20.00@30.00
Wagon-box boards, selected, 10 inches ...and upwards	32.00@40.00
Wagon-box boards	28.00@30.00
A stock boards	32.00@35.00
B stock boards	28.00@30.00
Fencing	16.00@18.00
Joists and scantling, thick first	28.00@30.00
Pickets, square	15.00
Pickets, dressed	16.00@18.00
Cedar posts, split	4.00
Cedar posts, round	3.00
Lath	4.00
Shingles, No. 1	1.25@1.50
Shingles, No. 2	1.00
Sawed shingles, A or star	2.50

The engine on track are steady at $2.40@2.45 for ...A or star, and $1.90@2.00 for No. 1 sawed.

METALLIC AND WINDSOR SPOOL—The Sel... ...ect was firm at previous rates, as follows:

TIN—Box tin plate, IC, 10x14, $11.00; posting C, ...60c; large pigs, 48c; small pigtin, 46c per lb.

COPPER—Copper bottoms, 40c; braziers', over 12 ...lbs, 38c; 12lbs copper, 38c.

ZINC—Sheet zinc, 9@9 1-2c; cast, 11-12c; first quality, ...6@6½c; first sort, 5@5½c.

WIRE—6 to 8, No. 6, 6 and 7, 10c; 10 to 11, 11c; 12, ...11 1-2c; 13 and 14, 12 1-2c; 15 and 16, 15c; 17, 18c; 18, ...19, 19c; 20, 21c; full extra, 50 per cent.

NAILS—We quote: 10 to 40, per keg $4.25; ...8 to 9, per keg $4.50; 7, per keg $4.75; 6, per keg ...$5.00; 5, per keg $5.25; 4, per keg $5.50; 3, per keg ...$5.75; 2, per keg $6.00; 1, per keg $6.25; finer ...common, per keg, $6.50.

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SMALL-POX.

Vaccination and Revaccination.

From the Edinburgh Medical Journal.

The following notes, regarding vaccination and revaccination, have been put together for the purpose of showing how false many of the prevailing ideas on the subject are, and saving time and trouble to those who are engaged in trying to find out the real truth regarding it:

It appears now to be fully acknowledged by medical men—

1. That vaccination, though it greatly lessens the susceptibility of taking of taking small-pox, does not render the reception of it in after years altogether impossible.

2. That vaccination in most cases greatly modifies the charater of the small-pox eruption, and lessens the severity of the attack.

3. That revaccination gives an absolute (?) immunity from small-pox.

The reasons for coming to these conclusions are as clear as they possibly can be, and there can not be the smallest allowance made for people who willfully oppose such arguments as the following:

Dr. A. C. De Renzy, Sanitary Commissioner in the Punjab, says: "In this province, with a population of 18,000,000, the deaths from small-pox are never less than 50,000 a year. In 1868 they were 200,000. In England the annual average mortality does not exceed 5,000, though previous to the introduction of vaccination it was quite as high as in the Punjab.

The facts, again, concerning vaccination in Scotland and Ireland, supplied to Dr. Anstie by Dr. Deaton, of the Privy Council, speak for themselves as plainly as facts possibly can do.

In the former country it appears there was no vaccination act prior to 1863, and the average yearly deaths from small-pox in twelve years, 1853-64, were 1,054. In 1865, '66, '67, and '68, they were respectively 175, 230, 124, and 25.

In Ireland vaccination was not compulsory before 1863, and in the periods 1850-60, 1860-50, and 1850-60, the respective annual average mortalities were 5,800, 2,827, and 1,372. In the years 1864, '65, '66, '67, '68 they were respectively 854, 327, 187, 30, and 19. In the first quarter of 1869, again, there were only three deaths, and in the second, none. Let any one who is skeptical as regards the advantages to be derived from vaccination pass in review the vainable evidence of Mr. Marson, at the small-pox hospital, London. In 5,000 cases of post vaccinal small-pox, under observation from 1856 to 1855, it appears that there were 35 per cent of deaths among those that were unvaccinated; 25.57 among those that stated they had been vaccinated, but exhibited no cicatrix. Among those that had

1 cicatrix, the number of deaths per cent was 7.73
2 cicatrices.....4.70
3 cicatrices.....1.93
4 or more.....0.56

The percentage of deaths among those that had well marked cicatrices was 2.52, and 8.32 among those who had badly marked cicatrices. Among those that had had small-pox previously it was 19.

In Dunblesk, Lincolnshire, with a population of about 6,000 inhabitants only one death has occurred from small-pox during the last thirty years, and this was in the case of an unvaccinated person. The medical officer of the district has therefore received the government grant for efficient vaccination. Dr. Seaton, in his evidence before the select Committee, stated that vaccination had the effect of reducing the mortality of children under 5 years of age. In Scotland the infantile mortality has been reduced from 20 to 80 per cent to 35. In Greenock the mortality under 5 years of age has been reduced to 25 per cent, and in Glasgow to 28 per cent.

In the *Lancet* of the 8th of April, 1864, the following statement occurred: "Not a single revaccinated case has been admitted into the Small pox Hospital at Homerton, and no death of a revaccinated person has occurred under 17." "This," as the editor remarked "shows the protective power of even imperfect revaccination up to puberty, and the necessity for revaccination at this time."

The strongest case one can advance in support of revaccination is the fact that not a single nurse has died at the small-pox hospital for the last thirty years, in spite of the infection to which they are constantly exposed. A regards the lymph to be used for the purpose of vaccination, a good deal of doubt seems to exist. Some say that carefully selected matter from revaccinations is as sure in its effects as that taken from primary vesicles; others, that secondary vaccine matter is of very little use, and that only that taken from the arms of infants should be used; while others assert that the lymph taken from the arms of children has become deteriorated by passing through so many different systems, and that a fresh supply should be obtained from the original source. Now, with regard to the use of secondary matter, there can be no doubt that it is capable of setting up the same constitutional disturbance, and producing the same kind of vesicles, as lymph taken from the primary cases, but still it not infrequently happens that the vesicles are unduly hastened or otherwise irregular in their development. And from a review of the facts mentioned in the *Lancet*, 20th July, 1871, by Dr. Barbour, of the Stockwell Fever Hospital, I would say that the amount of protection to be carried from the use is very small, and that it should be employed under very exceptional circumstances—where none other for the time being can be obtained, and revaccination is imperatively demanded. Bryce's test should certainly be employed in order to see whether it has efficient y performed the purpose for which it was intended or not; in other words, lymph should be again inserted into the arm a few days after the first vaccination. If both vesicles maturate and also die away at the same time, then the first vaccination may be considered to have produced the desired effect; but if the second vesicles goes through all the stages of the primary vesicle, then the first operation has been a mere local affection, and has really exercised no protective influence whatever. The following case occurred in my own practice: A lady who had recently been successfully vaccinated with secondary lymph, was one month subsequently revaccinated with primary lymph. The resulting vesicles were as perfect in every respect, and went through exactly the same course as those occurring from a regular primary vaccination. This was a proof, then, that the first operation produced a local effect only, and that it was incapable of effecting protection against the infection of small-pox. In answer to those who affirm that vaccine matter loses its effect by constant use, I would say, for the same reason, the system of fever ought to become less virulent and infectious each succeeding year; but this is not the case, for though, owing to altered atmospheric influence, prevailing epidemics may, for a time, die out, they soon return when the conditions are again favorable, with all their former activity. But, in addition to this, let us see what opinion Jenner held upon the subject. After a careful washing of vaccination for upward of twenty years or more, during which time lymph had been successfully transferred from subject to subject, he came to the conclusion that it underwent no change whatever in its qualities. Marson, Creely and others also, whose experience is very great, have proved, so far as such matters admit of proof, that vaccine lymph does not lose any of its prophylactic power by a continued transit through successive subjects. When lymph degenerates in transmission it is invariably due either to want of proper care in the selection of subjects or to inattention to certain details essential to successful vaccination. But let us now, for one minute, consider the evidences of those who have experimented with lymph taken directly from the heifer.

During the siege of Paris, Dr. Quinquand had all successful cases with the bovine lymph, but only one-third with heifers.

Dr. Thevenot, with calf vaccine, had only two successful cases out of twenty-one.

Of the two reports sent in to Paris to be sent in their reports, one says that vaccine from the calf became better after passing through the systems of three or four different children though bad and difficult to introduce for the first time. The rest (thirty-one) agree that vaccination from the calf was provokingly unsuccessful, succeeding in the very utmost only in a fourth of the children vaccinated directly, and much less calf virus or grease. Of sixteen others who tried the calf virus, fourteen failed completely.

Dr. Gaillard has succeeded 170 times out of 258 with calf vaccine, was successful in 3,740 times out of 2,506 with Jennerian vaccine.

The next question about which some amount of uncertainty prevails, is as to whether syphilis and other diseases can be conveyed by vaccination. Mr. Hutchinson has lately brought forward a series of cases to prove that syphilis is capable of being so conveyed, and, to say the least, they certainly appear to wear a very suspicious aspect. Still, it must be remembered that in 1857 Mr. Simon (Medical Officer of the Board of Health) addressed a series of questions upon this very subject to a large number of medical men, both in this and other countries, and received answers from no less than 830, with scarcely an exception, entirely in the negative. They declared that syphilis could not be conveyed by means of vaccination; and they pointed out that, by gross carelessness, it might be unconsciously instead of vaccine. The effects of experiments, however, of Cullerier and others with mixtures of syphilitic matter and vaccine, and vaccine matter taken from persons suffering from constitutional syphilis, are most powerful arguments against the idea that syphilis is able to be transmitted by means of lymph taken out of a true Jennerian vesicle. And to show that two poisons cannot be present in a true Jennerian vesicle, lymph may be taken from a vesicle developed in a person who has been vaccinated too late to prevent small-pox, and used without the slightest hesitation for vaccinating another child. It would certainly appear, from these facts, that vaccination as such cannot convey syphilis with it, though a syphilized lancet, or blood taken up with lymph from a syphilitic infant, may cause it to break out in persons who are equally operated upon. It might, nevertheless, be as well to do as Mr. Hutchinson suggests, viz, to avoid taking the lymph from first born-children, and take it only from second or later children, in families of which the oldest has enjoyed good health. As regards the idea of scrofula being conveyed by vaccination, there can be no doubt, as the *Lancet* says, that it is a mistake. Its development is, on the contrary, greatly prevented, inasmuch as small-pox, by weakening the system, was one of the causes of scrofulous and tubercular disease. Again, when skin eruptions are occasioned by vaccination, the fault is not necessarily with the matter, but with the constitution of the child vaccinated, which cannot bear even the slight disturbance of vaccination with impunity; and a further cannot bear the destructive disturbance of small-pox, which is the almost certain alternative. Among the instructions lately issued by the Lords of the Privy Council are, to be noticed the following:

Never take lymph from cases of revaccination. Never use or furnish lymph which has the slightest admixture of blood. Take lymph only from well-characterized, uninjured vesicles, at the stage four day week after vaccination) when they are fully formed and plump, but there is no perceptible commencement of areola. Take lymph only which, as it issues from the vesicle, is perfectly clear and transparent, and none which is at all thin and watery. Never squeeze or drain any vesicle. Errors in such a vesicle as is made by puncture commonly produces do not, under ordinary circumstances, take more lymph than will suffice for the immediate vaccination of five subjects or for charging seven ivory points, or filling three capillary tubes; and from larger or smaller vesicles take only in proportion to their size. Be careful never to transfer blood from the subject you vaccinate to the subject from whom you take the lymph. Note any case wherein the vaccine vesicle is unduly hastened, or otherwise irregular in its development; and in such case insits cease in other cases vaccinated with the same lymph. In each case take care employing it, change the lymph if on the day week after vaccination the vesicles are not entirely free from areolæ. Keep the lancets and other instruments scrupulously clean, and do not use them for other surgical operations. Cleanse the instrument used thoroughly after every operation, before applying to another.

Except so far as any immediate danger of small-pox may require, vaccinate only subjects who are in good health. As regards infants, attend to the state of the primæ viæ, and see that no irritation of the bowels, nor any unhealthy state of skin—especially no chafing or eczema behind the ears, over the groin, or elsewhere on the folds of skin. Do not, except of necessity, vaccinate in cases where there has been recent exposure to the infection of measles or scarlatina, nor when erysipelas is prevailing in or about the place of residence. Take lymph only from subjects who are in good health, and, as far as you can ascertain, of healthy parentage, preferring children to those families are known to you, and who have elder brothers and sisters of undoubted healthiness. Carefully examine as to skin disease and signs of hereditary syphilis.

There can be no doubt that the present epidemic has had the effect of causing several disputed points to be finally set at rest, and, among these, the question as to whether it was right to vaccinate women who were pregnant. The old idea was that vaccine, being a poison similar to that of small-pox, would cause abortion to take place, but this has been contradicted by all the first obstetricians. Next it was thought unsafe to vaccinate children much under six weeks, whereas the medical officer of the Privy Council has distinctly advised that children be vaccinated so early as the first week. The small-pox poison should be vaccinated within a week of their birth. It was also supposed that it required the strong oldeny people, but this has been shown to be incorrect. There can be no question that grown-up people suffer, generally speaking, more from vaccinating than children, the same as they do when attacked by measles, whooping cough, etc., and this is beyond doubt given rise to the idea of vaccination affecting people worse during what is termed a varioloid state of atmosphere.

The materials used for collecting lymph are—first, ivory points; second, glasses; third, capillary tubes. The last named are the best, inasmuch as the lymph is always kept in a fresh state.

The methods employed for vaccination are —first, puncturing; second, scratching; third, blistering.

The last mentioned (introduced by Mr. Ellis, of London), is supposed to render the absorption of the lymph more certain, but it must undoubtedly entails a greater amount of trouble, and I cannot say, from my own experience, that it insures a greater amount of success than either puncturing or scratching when carefully done. In a few instances, I have seen very bad arms result from this method. The effects produced by revaccination are not, generally speaking, the same as those which themselves after first vaccination. As far as I can see, myself, the effect of the vaccine manifests itself in three different ways:

1. There may be a perfect vesicle passing through all the different stages, showing that the protective effects of the first vaccination have entirely passed away.

2. There may be a scab formed, but no distinct vesicle, showing that the protective effects of the first vaccination only partially remain.

3. There may be only slight redness produced, showing that the protective effects of the first vaccination remain perfect, or nearly so.

In all cases, I think, where there is not a perfect vesicle, revaccination should be tried again, in order that the operation may not hereafter from carelessness fall into disrepute.

In order that the general public may learn the benefits resulting from vaccination and revaccination, all possible information should be afforded them on the subject, and medical men should be particularly anxious not to let any discredit fall upon the operation from the want of proper care. And let the public be fully convinced of the fact that they cannot possibly receive harm from the innoculation of vaccine matter, and we may have the satisfaction of seeing small-pox in time banished from our shores.

A Small-Pox Remedy.

To the Editor of the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser:

During the controversy now going on in reference to the virtues of the Candurango plant in the treatment of cancer, (and by the way, very favorable reports are received so far as it has been tried,) let us not forget another valuable plant, the *Saracenia Purpurea*, or the Pitcher Plant, or Side-Saddle Flower, or Hunman's Cup, as it is sometimes called. This plant was used in many cases of small-pox, in this city, during the winter and spring of '69, with decided success. It does not seem to shorten the duration of the disease, but very materially mitigates its symptoms, in allaying the fever and inflammation during its progress. This is especially so when the pustules begin to dry up and the crusts or scales fall off. It does away with that disposition to scratch the face and remove the scabs before the new but resulting vesicles were as perfect in every respect, and went through exactly the same course as those occurring from a regular primary vaccination. This was a proof, then, that the first operation produced a local effect only, and that it was incapable of effecting protection against the infection of small-pox. In answer to those who affirm that vaccine matter loses its effect by constant use, I would say, for the same reason, the system of fever ought to become less virulent and infectious each succeeding year; but this is not the case, for though, owing to altered atmospheric influence, prevailing epidemics may, for a time, die out, they soon return when the conditions are again favorable, with all their former activity. But, in addition to this, let us see what opinion Jenner held upon the subject. After a careful washing of vaccination for upward of twenty years or more, during which time lymph had been as convenience may dictate, and will be lighted by round top windows cut between the pilasters of the buttress.

Both wood and iron will be used in the construction of the building. The immense trusses of which we have spoken will be of timber, one foot square, each of the crossopen trusses requiring no less than twenty-five thousand feet of lumber for its construction.

The seating capacity of the building will be about as follows, the figures given being rather below the numbers that could actually be accommodated: Audience, 86,000; chorus, 20,000; orchestra, 2,000; giving a total of over 100,000 persons gathered under one roof.

The exact location of the structure has not yet been determined upon. It will, however, be built within the limits bounded by Huntington avenue, Fairfield street, the Providence Railroad and the waters of the back Bay, and knowing ones whisper that the recent purchase by leading capitalists of an immense tract in that vicinity was with a view to securing a proper place for the purpose.

Messrs. Gilmore and Arbuckle went to Springfield on Saturday to see the American Corrugated Iron Company, and it is reported that the contract will be given to that company.

A TOWN SERMON.

THE TELE-TIDE HOMILY AT OLD ST. PAUL'S.

From the first number of The City, January, 1872.

With Christmas wreaths the aisles were green,
And every Chapel hung;
The prayers were said, the Gospel read, the
Angels' Anthem sung;
The grey-haired rector climbed the steps, and in
the pulpit stood,
And from the Book he opened wide let fall the
hallowed word:

He read his text—the joyful words the shepherds
heard of old,
And down through all the ancient church looked
kindly at his fold.

"Dear brethren," the preacher said, "ye flock
that are my charge,
Ye dwell not by the dusty woods, in vales and
pastures large;
In city streets, on stony walks, ye set your foot-
steps down!
God made the country, one hath writ; what else!
Man made the town.
But who hath made the heart of man? who gave
his hand the power
To build the stately city squares, the proud Ca-
thedral tower?
And where men house them side by side, and jos-
tle in the ways,
Where toil and pleasure crowd spaces, and nights
are as the days,
Ye well may trust that He who lived and died for
men is near—
Even as ye feel, this natal morn, His presence
with you here!

"The country is a gladsome place; 'tis good the
young should know
How sweetly over this fair land the seasons come
and go;
Should hear the whisper of the breeze, the water's
purling fall,
And listen to the happy birds that to each other
call—
Should welcome through the live long year the
sunshine and the air,
And, roaming on the windy hills, grow strong and
brave and fair.
But beside a mountain-sketch the figure-paint-
er's art,
Or to a wayside chronicle some poem that stirs
the heart,
So all this work of human hands, the city's rolling
din,
The fanes, the marts, the countless homes—the
life that's hid within,—
The love and hate, the good and ill, the joys and
woes of men,
These have, methinks, a worth beyond the worth
of field and glen.

"And thus ye see the mighty Town like some
crystal draw
The best and rarest to itself, and grow by chemic
law.
Wealth gathers to its shining points, and men
from every zone—
A million faces all unlike, each read by God
alone;
He sees them darkened by defeat or lit with pur-
poses high.
Some blindly fixed upon the earth, some looking
to the sky;
And, as we mingle day by day, and push your
chosen task,
He reads the secrets of your souls—He sees be-
hind the masks.

"Here, from the cries that wake the morn until
the sunset gun,
How many lowly fights are fought, what triumphs
lost and won!
And still ye deem ye guide yourselves and plant
your footsteps higher.
Not so, but men are images, on the world's stage
upheld,
And each beyond his own intent through un-
known ways impelled.
The man I be, the woman, I am, ye all shall
come to know
None lived the lives they thought to live, which-
ever paths ye go.

"Yet each shall answer for his gift, and what
his hands may find
Still let him labor. Still let the youth possess a
noble mind.
And grapple Fortune, but of deeds that stain the
soul with fear
His sister's kiss upon his lips, his guide a
mother's prayer;
Still let the man be stern and strong, but in his
spirit held
The right worth more than long renown, his dear
one more than gold;
Let those of shrewdest, largest brain, still grasp
the helm of power,
For man's ambition moves the world yet onward
every hour;
But woe to them who dare betray the people's
hallowed trust!
The curse of God and man shall fall and grind
them in the dust.
Let Pleasure light her lamps at eve, the song-
bird's voice be heard,
Not vain the actor's witching spell, the speaker's
honeyed word;
Heaven approves to see earth's children mourn,
and gladden when they smile,
And would, with every gracious gift their wear-
ied hearts beguile.
Let Fashion hold her courtly sway, and Art her
high domain,
And still let matter be the slave of man's creative
brain;
God doth upon the Sculptor's work its perfect
grace bestow,
His power is in the furnace heat, the clanging
forge's blow.
Let Youth and Beauty meet in love; be happy
ye may,
For well ye wot that Sorrow follows soon as night
the day!
Let Truth the native for climes are wed by man's un-
tiring creed,
And still more swiftly and more near the golden
year doth speed;
And Charity with riches grow, but let her stewards
keep
Their keepers for the poor at hand, the little ones
that weep;
Ye be ye them always with you here, afar ye need
not go,
First save the heathen in your streets,—here, here
your mission know.

"Were some bright being of the skies to soar
adown our sphere,
And from his clearer height look down upon this
turmoil here,
To him ye all would seem alike;—he would not
think, be sure,
To judge between the strong and weak, between
the rich and poor.
Ay, one who mounts a lofty spire, and peers be-
neath him, sees
How shrewdly back and forth we move at toil
or at ease;
Yet even the tiny insects know, in some mysteri-
ous way,
The work appointed unto each; are ye not more
than they?

"The City, great and beautiful, is but a spark-
ling dot
Upon the gray Earth's wrinkled front—a transi-
tory spot;
The Earth itself a rayless mass, a little orb, un-
known
To them who tenant spheres beyond the planets'
central zone;
And round a myriad distant suns what myriad
globes are driven,
In numerous circling worlds on worlds, the lesser
host of Heaven!
Yet every spirit to itself a universe doth seem,
And what we see, or hear, or feel, the soul's im-
mortal dream.
And here, where all experience is crowded in a
day,
How many changeful lives ye live, before your
hairs are gray!
How soon within your heart of hearts the
Preacher's words are weighed,—
All, all, ye find, is vanity—the flower of all doth
fade!
Youth, Hope, Wealth, Fame—they vanish like the
glittering dews of morn,
But O, if Faith and Love abide, ye are not left
forlorn.

"With feasts and gifts, dear brethren, your
merry Christmas keep!
Then is a time for dance and song, a time for
prayer and sleep;
And when the choicest gift is given, the blithest
tale is told,
And ever this, our Christian land, Night lays her
solemn hold,
Be each one's humble prayer, to Him whose
cradleless hair sate scent,
The ancient worthy orison, keep our hearts still
green!"

The grace was asked; the worshippers
streamed out the sacred door;
The organ peeled, the belfry rang, they sought
the world once more;
The very stones were hushed, as if they felt the
Christmas rest,
And to the people, young and old, the earth
seemed newly blest;
The golden words the preacher spake so to their
hearts had come,
That whom they met seemed kindred all, the
city—one great home.

EDMUND C. STEDMAN.

Dead, Aged 105 Years.

From the New York Sun, Dec. 23.

Early on Thursday morning Mrs. Margaret Morgan died at 23 Cherry street, aged 105 years. She was born in a rude mud cabin at the junction of the Camlin and Shannon Rivers, County of Longford, Ireland, on the 4th of July, 1776, and emigrated to America with her youngest and only surviving child six years ago. George Morgan, her son, who is over 50 years of age, is the youngest of eleven children. He was last night visited by a Sun reporter, to whom he said that he had brought the old woman to New York when she was only 99 years of age. She was then in full possession of all her faculties up to the time of her death, and, though bedridden for the last six months, was in the habit of taking her tea and bitters regularly. He said that his father had died when he was a wee lad, and that all his brothers and sisters had died in the "ould sod."

Mr. George Morgan, ever since his sojourn on America's shores, had been employed as a packer by the Great American Tea Company. Years ago, but six months ago he was discharged. He thought the fact of his being out of work had hastened his mother's death.

On Thursday night the body of the aged Mrs. Morgan was waked in old country style, and only yesterday afternoon were the police notified of the fact. Last night Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Jr., were still suffering from the effects of their debauch, and could not be awakened by the reporter to give the necessary information. They occupy a garret room, about eight feet by four, in the tenement 23 Cherry street, and are without fire, furniture, or food. Several suspicious-looking empty black bottles probably account for their extreme poverty. The body was removed to the Morgue last evening.

RITUALISM.

What Is It?

Three years ago the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church in this country appointed a committee of five of its members to report legislation on Ritualism. The committee—the members of which were quite seven-eighths divided, as between High and Low Church,—made in the convention this year a report strongly condemnatory of all the characteristic Ritualistic practices. But after debate and coalerence between the two houses, this report finally failed of adoption by a two vote, and the only action finally taken was a resolution condemning, in very general terms, all innovations in doctrine and practice. The Bishops were evidently far stronger against Ritualism than the clerical and lay delegates. On the whole, the convention showed itself unfavorably disposed toward Ritualism, but not willing to take coercive measures against it. A good deal of doubt seemed to be felt as to what Ritualism is. If it is only a love for display or the means of gratifying an esthetic taste in worship, it might be left to the peculiar fancies of different congregations. But if it means the affirmation of the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church in the sacrament, then it removed the most important distinction between the Anglican and the Roman Church, and the Reformation was an idle protest.

To learn what Ritualism is, we must go to England, where its priests avow its meaning and purposes. There are six leading Ritualist churches in London, St. Albans, St. Mary Magdalene's, St. Peter's, St. Michael's, St. Mary the Virgin, and 'All Saints'. These have large parishes, and numerous and fashionable congregations. They have connected with them divers mission agencies, and orders of "Sisters," as "Sisters of the Poor," "Sisters of Mercy," &c. Several of the rectors of these churches were recently interviewed by a correspondent of the New York *World*, and some interesting statements of their belief and practice are published. Rev. H. Mackonochie, rector of St. Albans, declared with warmth that he was not a Protestant, and that the Church of England is not Protestant. To his mind, he said, the piety of the Low Church party and scarcely their Christianity. In many views of this he said the religious spirit in Rome is higher than in any of the dissenting sect." He thought that the Bishop of London should and would let them alone as to the mixed chalice, the reserved position of the altar lights, incense, and vestments. The relief he looked for from the judgments had against him through the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastic courts, was a separation of Church and State.

In reference to differences in creed between the Ritualists and the Roman Catholics, Mr. Mackonokie said:

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C. Then what keeps you from recognizing the authority of the Roman Church?

Mr. M. Simply that we not only do not admit the infallibility of the Bishop of Rome, but we do not recognize his jurisdiction; we do now and shall always look up to him as the senior Bishop of the holy religion and the patriarch of the faithful.

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The Rev. R. Stuart, rector of St. Mary Magdalen's Church, said that he was perfectly willing to die in the work-house rather than yield in the matter of the alb and chasuble, and in administering the sacrament, and the proper position before the altar. He said:

I urge confession upon my people as a duty, but I do not myself think it should be enforced. I practice celibacy, but I do not think that should be compulsory. My view is that we should be organized as a branch of the Catholic Church, having our own head in the Archbishop of Canterbury, and acknowledging the occupant of the See of Peter as the chief Bishop of our holy religion.

It is not our custom to give the holy eucharist in one kind, but in two; still it is undoubtedly more proper and convenient in one, as practised in the Roman Church, and it is also true that the blessed sacrament should be reserved for the use of the sick and dying, and also for the purpose of worship, and this custom will gradually be revived.

The Rev. Mr. Statham, of St. Peter's Church, the following dialogue occurred:

C. Do you use all the vestments prescribed in the Prayer Book rubrics?

Mr. Statham. We do, and believe that they were used by the fathers of our own Church, which is Protestant, but Catholic. We use the alb, chasuble, stole, and maniple.

C. What position do you assume at the altar?

Mr. S. The one which is reverent and natural. We stand in front of the altar and there after the sacrifice stand to one side.

C. Do you, in spite of the recent judgments, persevere with the use of incense at the celebration of the holy eucharist?

Mr. S. Always. We have never discontinued it for a single day. We use it for persons and things, believing it to be a portion of our duty, and nothing but force would compel us to yield the point.

C. Is there any difference between the celebration of your service and that of the mass in the Roman Church?

Mr. S. Well, we do not sing the "asperges" before a high mass, but I think there is no other difference, and we do not object to anything that may be said.

The Ritualist churches carry on works of charity and mercy, which will gain wider approval than some of their ceremonies. They have planted their churches, their missions and their schools, carried on them and women, most of them celebates, in the very thick of London crime and misery. St. Albans' church is in the rear of the north side of High Holborn. It is a magnificent Gothic church, built at a cost of $250,000. Its locality is something like the Five Points of New York, as it used to be, before the Protestant mission was established there and daylight was let into its sin and misery without, by the way, the use of any extraordinary ritual or ceremonies. The rector of the church said that they were surrounded there by 8,000 prostitutes and thieves; the remainder of the population was made up of the poorest class of vendors of fish and vegetables; young and old, male and female, eat, drink, and sleep together, indiscriminately, in places so filthy that a farmer would consider them unfit for his pigs. This horrible locality is neglected by the police, whom nothing short of murder will bring to it. In such a place St. Albans Church and mission, with its priests and sisters, have gathered 700 children into schools, and are doing other charitable work.

Pope Joan.

From American Literary Journal.

Was there ever such a person as Pope Joan —a woman who became Pope? Our fathers said so; but they were Protestants, not disposed to scrutinize too strictly a story unpleasant to their opponents. The first time I thought there must be some foundation for the old story was when I found the story in the Nuremberg Chronicle. This book was compiled in 1493, twenty-four years before Luther's famous theses. The story, then, is no Protestant lie, but rests on ancient Catholic authorities. How far back do those authorities reach, and what do they really say?

The Latin account, given in the Nuremberg Chronicle is extracted from the "Vitæ pontificum Platinæ," written by Platina, or, as that is, by Bartolommeo de Sacchi (da Piadena). This writer, learned enough to be the librarian of the Vatican (1475), in a history of the Papacy, undertaken at the command of Sixtus IV., and dedicated to him, inserts the story, with hints of incredulity, allowing that it was commonly believed; in fact, almost universally admitted, to be true. The substance of the legend, as he tells it, is that a young English girl, dressed as a man, went from Mentz to study at Athens, in the earlier part of the ninth century after Christ. She made such progress in every sort of learning that, when she visited Rome, she found few equals and no superiors even in sacred lore. By acute disquisition and eloquent speech she won such popularity and grave regard that on the death of Leo IV., 855, she was unanimously chosen in his place, taking the name of John VIII. Illustrated by success she relaxed the prudence which till now had characterized her life, and yielded to the ordinary tendernesses of her sex. Becoming pregnant by one of the grand procession, she perished by her pains not far from the Colosseum, surrounded by the dignitaries of the church, after a reign of thirteen months.

The reader cannot but feel that such a tale would not have been inserted in such a history unless the scandal of omitting what everybody believed to be fact would have been greater than that of confessing the truth.

In the early part of the fifteenth century (1414) the Council of Constance, sitting to examine the heresies of John Huss, found nothing to say in refutation of the story of Pope Joan, or Pope Agnes, as Huss had called her on the authority of Radulphus, Bishop of Cheneir.

Lannoy observes that such a fact must convince us that the story was then regarded as incontestably true.

The critical test of the credibility of such a narrative must be found in the testimony of those who lived nearest the time when the event is said to have occurred. Assuming, then, to the age in which the fact is located by its narrators, the middle of the ninth century after Christ, we have a history of the Popes, collected by Anastasius Bibliothecarius, covering and going beyond the period 855-856 when Pope Joan is said to have reigned. Anastasius tells us that he himself was present at the creation of Leo IV. and Benedict III., between whom Pope Joan is placed by her historians. He makes no mention of such a person. During 800 years immediately succeeding Anastasius, occupied by numerous historians of the Papacy, a total silence reigns upon the subject; and the first author who names her to Martinus Polonus, a writer of gross ignorance, and no authority, who wrote about 1244.

Onuphrio Panvini, the learned annotator of Platina, arguing against the story, informs us that Leo IX., 200 years after the age assigned to Pope Joan, addressing the Patriarch of Constantinople, reproaches the Eastern Church with having admitted speeches and a woman to the Patriarchate. Leo could not have remained to do this if he had been conscious that the same stain was to be found in the annals of Rome.

A careful study of the chronology of Rome almost disproves the most which made it possible to locate Pope Joan between Leo IV. and Benedict III. The vacancy of the Holy See, after the first of these Popes, lasted only six weeks instead of thirteen months. And the real John VIII. reigned ten years (872-882) presiding at the Council of Ravenna in 877, the third year of his reign, and in 878 authenticating the diffusion of the Scriptures in the language of the Slaves.

The story of the Pope Joan has employed the pens of a hundred writers, Catholic and Protestant, in fierce and desperate attack and defense. Solid reason and decent candor have at last prevailed.

While numerous Protestants have rehearsed the tale with a relish which deprived their recital of authority, it must be told to the honor of others, that their fairness, industry, and sagacity have deprived this imposture of all its credibility. David Blondel, Historical Professor of Amsterdam, so triumphantly demonstrated its falsity since 1647, that others, like the last English "Historian of Latin Christianity," do not even notice the lie.

But how small was account for such clouds floating in the dim horizon of the past, and seeming so long like land!

The romantic nature of this legend no doubt helped its currency for a time, and displeasure at the enormities truly charagable on the ecclesiastical dignitaries disposed the multitude to believe it. Pope Baronius has further suggested that the imbecile character of the real John VIII., so meant to affirm the doctrine of Transubstantiation, and to deny the Catholic doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the sacrament, then it removed the most important distinction between the Anglican and the Roman Church, and the Reformation was an idle protest.

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The Rev. R. Stuart, rector of St. Mary Magdalen's Church, said that he was perfectly willing to die in the work-house rather than yield in the matter of the alb and chasuble, and in administering the sacrament, and the proper position before the altar. He said:

I urge confession upon my people as a duty, but I do not myself think it should be enforced. I practice celibacy, but I do not think that should be compulsory. My view is that we should be organized as a branch of the Catholic Church, having our own head in the Archbishop of Canterbury, and acknowledging the occupant of the See of Peter as the chief Bishop of our holy religion.

It is not our custom to give the holy eucharist in one kind, but in two; still it is undoubtedly more proper and convenient in one, as practised in the Roman Church, and it is also true that the blessed sacrament should be reserved for the use of the sick and dying, and also for the purpose of worship, and this custom will gradually be revived.

The Rev. Mr. Statham, of St. Peter's Church, the following dialogue occurred:

C. Do you use all the vestments prescribed in the Prayer Book rubrics?

Mr. Statham. We do, and believe that they were used by the fathers of our own Church, which is Protestant, but Catholic. We use the alb, chasuble, stole, and maniple.

C. What position do you assume at the altar?

Mr. S. The one which is reverent and natural. We stand in front of the altar and there after the sacrifice stand to one side.

C. Do you, in spite of the recent judgments, persevere with the use of incense at the celebration of the holy eucharist?

Mr. S. Always. We have never discontinued it for a single day. We use it for persons and things, believing it to be a portion of our duty, and nothing but force would compel us to yield the point.

C. Is there any difference between the celebration of your service and that of the mass in the Roman Church?

Mr. S. Well, we do not sing the "asperges" before a high mass, but I think there is no other difference, and we do not object to anything that may be said.

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